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## Baptist State Convention--Meridian, Miss., Nov. 12

The ninety-seventh session of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention began a few minutes before the appointed hour Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. Brother Joe Canzoneri had charge of the music and began with leading the congregation in singing "The Old Rugged Cross," always a favorite. The attendance at the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference indicated an unusually good attendance for us, and the signs are still good. There is no doubt that the leader sings with the Spirit and with understanding, for he has an experience that is genuine. Miss Mary Beth Lassiter of Clinton played a hymn on the xylophone amid a hushed attention. Then we sang "He lives on high." Mrs. J. H. Street was at the piano. The song leader made a "pipe organ" out of the congregation by having them "hum" one stanza

Dr. T. M. Fleming, pastor Fifteenth Avenue Church, welcomed the messengers in a speech representing eight Baptist churches and all the rest of the folks. His speech was simple and straight-forward. The mayor and chief of police are Baptists and promise to take care of you. The sheriff is also a member of this church. One of the state asylums has offered to care for strays. The Convention was welcomed because it was here for serious business. The world may be in a bad fix but God is in His heavens and His people are destined to win. The morning light is coming.

Pastor E. H. Westmoreland of Leland responded to the welcome. This is the eleventh time the Convention has been held in Meridian, one of them seven years ago. We are pursuing the same purpose. Conditions may change and do, but the character of our task remains the same. We are here to do the will of God. Baptists as honorable people must meet our debt question squarely. We have been called narrow, selfish and intolerant. We may accept all this, but we dare not suffer dishonor. We are and must be a missionary people. This is the reason for our existence. We are by necessity a cooperative people. We are also a praying people. We must seek God's direction and strength. We must pray while we are here. Let us search our hearts for the motive of our coming together, whether like Ahab to eat and drink, or like Elijah to pray.

Rev. W. W. Grafton sang as a solo, "My confidence in Jesus grows stronger every day," with the chorus, "He loves me." Then Mr. and Mrs. Criscoe sang a duet, with Mrs. Gossard at the

Rev. Bryan Simmons nominated Dr. D. M. Nelson, for president and one ballot was cast for all, and he was elected. Rev. E. S. Flynt nominated for vice-presidents Dr. F. M. Purser and Dr. W. A. Hewitt nominated Forest Cooper. They were elected. Rev. J. L. Boyd nominated Rev. W. E. Lee for secretary and he was elected. The program as printed was adopted, with changes which will show up later.

Resolutions were passed to the Committee on Resolutions, on Temperance, on request for publication of a book by Dr. E. K. Cox, and one on raising a supplementary fund for one feature of state mission work. Many announcements were made and messages authorized to be sent to other religious bodies now in session.

The time for the sermon is the high hour of the evening, and Dr. F. M. Purser brought the message, a great missionary message, which was published in last week's Record. Not having to report it the editor was able to enjoy it to the full. The scripture was read by Rev. W. L. Compere from Isaiah, Romans 5 and Ephesians 6, Jno. 20:19-30. W. E. Hellen of West Laurel led in prayer, and Joe Canzoneri sang by request of Dr. Purser, "Way down deep in my heart."

The adjournment was with prayer led by Auber J. Wilds.

Wednesday morning's session began with singing "I am bound for the promised land," led by W. L. Compere. Then "Jesus paid it all." Prayer was led by brother Hogan of Purvis. Minutes read, corrected, approved. Telegrams read from several friends.

Dr. Conner of the Southwestern Seminary spoke ten minutes. His good sense, and happy sense of humor soon had him in the good graces of all his hearers. The Southwetern has the best session for many years, 33 per cent more than for a long time. We are living on reduced salaries, able to live, but nothing to waste. The founding of the Southwestern and of the Baptist Bible Institute did not result in any lessened attendance at the Southern Seminary. The professors have largely to make their living some other way. There is no competition, but cooperatino among our institutions.

Mrs. Gilfoy read the report of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Patients have been treated to the number of over 5,000. The religious work of the hospital was described. Graduate nurses from this hospital have been furnished many other hospitals.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey spoke for the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Patients range from 13 to 15 thousand annually. Of the \$78,000 bond issue only \$18,000 remain unpaid, and obligations are all promptly met.

The new superintendent of the Orphanage. Dr. W. E. Farr, and the new business manager, W. G. Mize, were introduced. The financial report was read. \$5,398 came through the Cooperative Program. Total receipts \$27,000 plus. They hope to be out of debt by Jan. 1st. Dr. Farr showed how the needy children are begging admission. There are 14,000 in the South. I was naked and ye clothed me; I was hungry and ye fed we. This orphanage is our instrument for carrying out the will of the Lord Jesus.

Rev. C. J. Olander reported on Relief for Old Preachers. Nearly \$3,000 was given to Mississippi preachers and their widows. Thirty-five preachers and 30 widows participated, but a mere pittance has gone monthly to each. A number of the beneficiaries died in the past year. Many of our preachers will probably be beneficiaries of the federal security administra-

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P. I. Lipsey reported for the Prohibition Committee, giving information as to what had been done and what needs to be done.

Dr. R. B. Gunter presented the report of the Convention Board. This will be given more fully in another connection and is not fully reported

The next number on the program was reports of boards of educational institutions. Mississippi College came first and presented the quartet, Messrs. Bates, Huffman, Farr and Neely who sang "Holy Spirit Dove Divine." Dr. J. W. Mayfield, president of the Board of Trustees. brought the report. He called on all who had attended Miss. College to stand. It showed to be a large part of the Convention. In three years \$55,000 of the floating indebtedness have been paid, \$18,000 in the past year. The college recognizes its religious responsibility and mission. It is a part of the forces for advancing the kingdom of God. Pious fools are more troublesome than outright devils. Wisdom and intelligence are necessary in a Christian life and the work of the churches. Some things not in books are necessary in education. A Christian college has no right to exist unless it majors in religion. Christianity must have depth as well as length and breadth. We must be grounded in the fundamentals of truth. This Mississippi Col-

Blue Mountain College was presented by Pres. L. T. Lowrey. Four out of five girls are members of the local church. Mrs. Berry has mothered the girls for 62 years. She is celebrating her eighty-fifth birthday. She has retired as vicepresident, but as vice-president emeritus continues her loving association with them. It is planned to organize 85 alumnae associations, of which 56 have already been organized. A map of the state shows that all counties above the road from Meridian to Vicksburg have girls in Blue Mountain, except four, and 16 in the southern area. There are girls from fifteen states. Dr. Lowrey presented figures to show that marriages have a higher percentage in denominational schools, and they stay married. We make Christian homemakers.

President W. E. Holcomb reporting for Woman's College spoke tenderly of the home-going of Dr. T. E. Ross, the president of the Board throughout its history. The financial conditions of the colleges will have the attention of the Convention this afternoon. Pastor H. L. Spencer, who preaches to the college girls was asked to report on the religious situation. Two girls of the Woman's College will probably soon go as foreign missionaries.

Dr. Spencer commended the spirit of the college faculty and student body. Some of the finest Christians in the world are among our students. His ministry has just closed there with a genuine revival. The Baptist student body are practically hundred per cent members of the local church. Part of the revival was an all-night prayer meeting in which the girls participated.

Acting President C. Z. Holland of Newton re-(Continued on page 6)

## Sparks and Splinters

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There were three pastors in the conference who had Brotherhoods in their churches, Compere, Spencer and Gilbert.

The Committee on Program for the next meeting of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference is, W. A. Greene, G. S. Jenkins and W. L. Compere.

Most of the speakers in the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference were men who have not before spoken on these occasions, and that is well. They spoke well, and that is better.

Congratulations to Tennessee Baptists who gave to missions and benevolence this year \$350,068.16 as compared with \$284,392.15 the year before. Their Convention met at Paris last week, R. G. Lee president.

It became evident as the discussion of the Brotherhood proceeded, that some even on the program were not aware that this term represented an organized movement among Southern Baptist laymen. Much of the discussion was on brotherhood rather than "The Brotherhood."

When the brethren were speaking about the "bonds of brotherhood," some of us were glad to hear about a kind of "bonds" different from what we are hearing every day in the market place, and in so many denominational gatherings. We had almost come to be like Paul when going up to Jerusalem; he said, "bonds and imprisonment await me."

What do you think of a speaker who takes up half of his twenty minutes for an introduction? It would seem a method of letting you know how much he doesn't know about his subject. But what do you think of one who never introduces you to his subject at all? Be thankful that such as these are few in number.

Did you ever see a hog preparing a bed for cold weather? Somehow we have been reminded of this when we see men making comfortable places for themselves in the world and making no permanent preparation for the hereafter. A bed of leaves will do no good when the world is set on fire. And you may have seen some preacher when he feels he has gotten into a pastorate which is a comfortable berth, he proceeds to cuddle up and keep himself warm, while the world goes to the devil.

Since January, 1929, the great fifty thousand watt station WSM at Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Harry Stone, manager, has been giving on Saturday evenings a broadcast of the International Sunday School Lesson (Uniform Series) by Dr. Hight C. Moore, Editorial Secretary of our Sunday School Board in that city. The hour each Saturday was recently changed to 5:30 P. M., Central Time (6:30 P. M., Eastern Time). For these seven years without remuneration WSM has given the time and Doctor Moore has given the service in providing this feature. It is gratifying to know that it has evoked appreciative comment over a wide area extending from beyond the Rockies in Colorado to the Atlantic beaches of Maine and from torrid British Honduras to the frigid borders of Hudson Bay.

Last night an outstanding event in the Baptist work of our state took place. Auris Pender of West, Miss., left New Orleans for San Francisco where she sails for China as a missionary. Auris received a degree from Woman's College and from the Baptist Bible Institute. For the past several years she has been teaching history in the high school at West. Last year when I asked her what she intended to do this fall, she said, "I am ready to do the will of God now. I am making no plans." God saw fit to send her to China. The lesson from that one statement and the results of it to me is, God uses us when we are willing to let Him. May I make a plea to the Baptists of our State to remember to pray for this one of our number who has left her home and friends to go to far-away China to work for our Master .- Gladys Keith at B.B.I.

We Mississippians welcome brother Earl Brooks back to the state. His home and work are now at Harperville.

The church at Port Gibson has called Rev. C. O. White and he is already located on the field. Brother White was recently graduated from Mississippi College.

Only 194 messengers had registered before the opening of the Convention Tuesday night. But this probably represented only about half of the registration when completed.

Some of the brethren couldn't resist the temptation to bring in a fine illustration at the conclusion of the speeches, illustrations which they had found worked well on previous occasions.

Mr. M. E. Leake of Tupelo has generously poposed to give the marker proposed for one of the places in or near Natchez by the Centennial Committee.

Rev. G. A. Cooper who has been paster at Ludlow and at Good Hope nearby is now a chapplain in the Army Reserve Corps and will be with the boys in the CCC camps. He is at present at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Dr. Conner said that Dr. J. B. Gambrell remarked when the Baptist Bible Institute was founded that it was the most manifestly providential thing that had happened among Southern Baptists in his day.

"Mississippi Baptist Convention meets at Meridian, November 12-14. What a delight it would be to drop in and greet brethren Lipsey, Gunter, Nelson, Lowrey, and the others." And how happy it would make us to have you, Dr. Cammack.

Was in a meeting in Hammond, La., for 10 days; had a very gracious meeting, good attendance throughout, with 17 additions to the church. They have constructed a new Baptist church building, one of the most attractive in Louisiana. Dr. Ernest P. Elliott is leading the church in a great way.—J. W. Mayfield.

Dr. J. W. Cammack says in the Religious Herald: "Prime Minister Baldwin was correct when he remarked, 'We are mostly crazy.' We closed up Sunday schools and churches to head off infantile paralysis that probably produced a few cripples within a year. The State will not close a single ABC store when they are largely responsible for eighteen deaths in one week, and many more cripples." The ABC stores are the state liquor stores.

The Belzoni Baptist Church has just closed a ten day revival meeting. Pastor Crudup reports that it was one of the best series of meetings that the church has had during his ministry there. Dr. Hewitt of Jackson did the preaching with wonderful strength, sweetness and simplicity, and brother Joe Canzoneri led in the singing. The pastor says he has never had better help than these two brethren. Fifteen were received for baptism and a number of others came in by letter.

Pastor W. R. Haynie closes his first year at Durant with gratitude for many blessings. They had a special program of celebration Sunday. All departments of the church show a healthy growth, 40 per cent in the B. T. U. All the young people's organizations have reached the standard! Forty-seven have been added to the church. Contributions to local causes are \$682.59 over last year. Gifts to missions \$1,176.08, an increase of \$435.30. About \$1,200 have been added to the building fund.

Enjoyed being with Dr. Judson Chastain and the saints at Lexington last week in evangelistic services. Mrs. Chastain is splendid help in the work and it was a joy to have fellowship with dear Dr. J. G. Chastain. While there I reviewed his two books, one on his Mexican work and his latest on the Hugenots. I was glad to add them to my library. They are helpful. Many other attractions in the city did not prevent the folks coming to the services. There were eleven additions. One by letter. They have a lovely building with educational plant and seem to be putting on a real program. The hospitality was of the best.—D. A. McCall.

### PASTOR'S AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Brotherhood" was the subject of the conference, and it was in evidence before the meeting opened. Meridian exemplies brotherhood and Armistice Day was a good time for buddying. On the train going to Meridian the brethren hobnobbed, and it was good to feel the handshake of folks that had the fraternal spirit and were not asking you to vote for them. They filtered into the auditorium and other rooms of the First Baptist Church, preachers and laymen in about the same proportion, and enough women to relieve the monotony.

The opening song service was led by brother R. L. Cooper of Aberdeen. Not unnaturally the first song was "Revive Us Again." Mrs. Varnado was at the piano. The auditorium, in which other good conventions had been held, resounded with the voice of praise.

Rev. W. C. Howard of Forest took charge as president and called on Pastor G. C. Hodge of Biloxi to lead in prayer. In the absence of the brother appointed to lead the devotional service, brother J. H. Lane of Magee was called to lead. He read Ro. 15:30 and Acts 1:8 and spoke on our mission fields as our clinic. Paul said "Striving together with me in your prayers," and from every department of our mission work this same urgent cry comes up for earnest prayer.

At the request of the president fifty laymen stood that we might know what part of the company are laymen.

Nominations were made for officers. Rev. G. C. Hodge and Laymen Knox Huff of Forest were nominated for the presidency. The layman was elected, and made a brief address of appreciation. Pastor Hodge was then elected vice-president. Layman C. C. White was re-elected secretary.

The "Bonds of Brotherhood" was presented in an address by Pastor C. W. Thompson of Liberty. These bonds are spiritual; they are blood ties; cleansed by His blood; redeemed by His blood. Love is the "bond of perfection." We are also bound by a common and great task. One man can run a peanut stand, but hundreds are required to run a Ford car factory. And they must work in unity. There must be one Lord and one faith. The world is a unit against us. We must be united in our purpose for conquest of the world. At the conclusion of the address the congregation sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

The second speaker, Dr. O. R. Mosely of De-Kalb, spoke on the Bible authority for a brotherhood. There must be deep-seated convictions. Only the redeemed can share the brotherhood. Only children of God are Christian brothers. When we think of brotherhood we think of common activities. We need organization for efficiency. The great commission in Matthew will necessitate cooperation for carrying it out. Not all have the same ability or gifts, but all have a part in the work committed to us. Our Baptist Brotherhood calls for specific and simultaneous Bible study. Our task is to enlist the unenlisted. A small porportion of our membership is actually participating in the carrying on of the work. Our business is to back up the leadership of the pastors. Examples were given of laymen evangelistic groups who have been mightily used of God to the saving of souls. The Brotherhood is organization of men only, both ordained and unordained. Jesus sent his disciples out not singly. And prayer is effective when two or three are agreed.

Rev. J. A. Bryant asked that somebody tell us whether he has a working brotherhood. Pastor Varnado of State Line said be had one and introduced its president, Layman Cochran, who said his group of men have been an inspiration and a genuine evangelistic and missionary agency. Great results have come from tithing, both spiritual and material. Pastor Joe Canzoneri insisted that the church is an organism, which is better than an organization. We must be careful that our organizations do not put our churches in the background. The church is the

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Mr. F. C. Wilcoxon of Vicksburg spoke last, on the Layman's Need of An Organized Brotherhood. He began in lighter vein and soon had his audience by the ears. Contribution of laymen, Why Laymen do not participate, the need of laymen, and what a layman may do, were the divisions of his address. In the early church every convert was a witness. Materialism is deadening the life of laymen. Life is made up of conflicting claims which make laymen's work difficult. Many services formerly done by the church are now taken over by other organizations. The brethren voted heartily for the publication of the paper in The Baptist Record.

Tuesday morning it was cloudy all around and sprinkling in the middle, but the conference started on time, Rev. W. L. Compere leading the singing. This brought them in from the book display room and the various "lobbying" places. An earnest prayer for the presence of God, and again we were saying "Just when I need Him most," and "Jesus keep me near the cross," softly and prayerfully. Mr. Bass of the Woman's College led in prayer. Pastor Geo. Gay of Rosedale conducted the devotional service. He read impressively the story of the "Good Samaritan," and showed how the spirit of brotherhood crosses social and racial lines and makes us good neighbors, concluding with a quiet prayer.

Rev. W. E. Hellen of West Laurel Church spoke on "The Pastor and the Brotherhood." What can the pastor lead his men to do? The W. M. U. has set us an excellent example. What women have done men ought to be able to do. The women have turned defeat into advance in our mission work. Teach men what God has done and is doing through His churches. Show them what remains to be done. The Brotherhood may unify and harness the manpower in the church. Men are needed in the kingdom for organizing and administrative ability. God has honored men with responsibility in the promotion of His work.

Vice-President G. C. Hodge of Biloxi presided while Mr. Knox Huff spoke on "The Pastor and the Brotherhood," from the layman's point of view. There ought to be close and evident contact between the pastor and the layman. The layman should make practical the teaching of the word of God. Too often there is no intention on the part of the laymen to embody this teaching. Oats are shocked so that the bundles support oneanother, and two bundles are made a cap-sheaf. This ought to be embodied in the brotherhood to whom the pastor is the cap-sheaf. How beautiful for men to dwell together in unity.

The next speaker was Hon. Jno. W. McCall of Memphis who came at the request of Dr. J. T. Henderson. He is a Mississippian and a brother of "Scotchie." He was for some years a member of this church. He spoke of the 3-point emphasis suggested by Dr. Henderson. There is a breaking down of the man-power in our churches.

We must emphasize three things: (1) We must make more use of the program prepared by Dr. Henderson; (2) We must rally the business men to take part in the churches and all denominational meetings; (3) We must emphasize the Belmont plan, or rather the covenant to give one-tenth to the Lord's work. The minister is a general, but a general must utilize all his man-power. Our failure here is our tragedy. The motive power and principle in it all is, "the love of Christ constraineth us." We must realize that the work of Christ requires all the manhood in us.

After prayer led by A. F. Crittendon, the general subject "The Challenging Tasks of the Brotherhood." First, Dr. Josiah Crudup of Belzoni discussed "Enlightenment of Our Constituency." "Ye are the light of the world is our challenge. Civilization and Christianity have steadily moved westward, but in their wake are ruins and charred hopes. The lesson for us is aggressive leadership and conservation of all

we attain. Our enlightenment must include such a knowledge of the world as will enable us to meet its needs with the gospel. The dinosaurs that once dominated the world passed away because they could not adjust themselves to changing conditions. The gospel will meet the world's needs, but we must know the needs.

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"Rock of ages" was here sung by the quartet, brethren Estes, Compere, Cooper and Varnado.

Pastor L. E. McGowan spoke on "Enlistment of our Baptist Hosts." Baptists have become a great host. Let us learn how growth is possible and what mistakes we have made. Our hosts are not enlisted. Our small contributions attest this. Baptists stand low in the rank of per capita gifts. There were 483 entire churches in Mississippi who gave nothing to missions within a year. All of us give less than two cents per capita for all missions, per week. We are able to pay our debts, but we are not doing it. We are personally doing little to save the lost. We are also short in church attendance. If all went the church houses would be unable to hold them, but many of them are only half filled. It is too easy to get into a church, and too hard to get out. Unsatisfactory pastoral relationship causes unenlistment. The absentee pastor, the lazy one, the unprepared one, the selfish one add to our difficulties. Our potential resources are incalculable, but largely unused. Baptists are best fitted for the task of world evangelism. And God is putting great responsibility upon us. How can we enlist our men? First, locate trained and loyal pastors close to the people. Our mission boards ought to help to do this. Next, we need a God-sent Holy Spirit revival in the churches. We must enlighten our people, from the pulpit, by putting our literature in their hands. We must work, intelligently, planned, persistent, without ceasing.

Rev. J. R, Breland of Philadelphia then spoke on "Consecration of Our Baptist Wealth." We seem not to realize where our wealth comes from. This must be dedicated, devoted, to the service of God. We must recognize who is the actual owner. Thus we recognize ourselves as stewards only. God has never relinquished His title. The recognition of this divine ownership is properly shown in returning the Lord one-tenth. Love ought to compel us to do this. Let us be honest with God. This not only helps the finances in a church, but a spiritual awakening follows. Experience has shown that young people are more responsive to teaching on this subject. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Dr. D. M. Nelson, President of Miss. College, spoke on the "Strengthening of Our Baptist Institutions." All earthly institutions are temporary, but the agencies of the kingdom are permanent parts of the purpose of God. Christian institutions are the bed rock on which our national existence is founded. Our mission schools are among the most effective agents for the furtherance of the gospel. We must strengthen them by praying for them. Institutions have been saved by prayer. We must pull for them. We owe them our patronage. Otherwise both parties lose. We must provide for our institutions. It takes money to run them, and this can be had only by voluntary contributions. We must not allow them to be second rate. The next 25 years will be crucial years for religion in America. Christian institutions must function 100 per cent in a time like this.

Tuesday afternoon's meeting opened with singing led by Rev. W. W. Grafton of Coldwater. Brother H. J. Rushing of Olive Branch led the prayer. During the noon recess you could hear the people saying, That was a good program this morning. The laymen who spoke showed that they have a genuine interest in the work of the kingdom. And here we are back from lunch strong in numbers and expectant of more good addresses. The radio is working this evening, and maybe some of you that were not at the conference were listening in. That is better than reading about it, as long as it lasts.

The devotional period was in charge of Rev. E. B. Shivers of New Hebron. Acts 5:17ff was read. Dr. L. Bracey Campbell led in prayer. "The chapter read is a call to heroism," said the leader: "Go stand in the temple and speak unto the people all the words of this life."

Mr. Owen Cooper of the University gave us "A Brief History of Baptist Brotherhood of the South." He went back to the awakening of Schlieman at a students' convention to celebrate the Hay Stack prayer meeting. He resolved to issue a call to laymen to get into the missionary enterprise. The first Baptist laymen's meeting was held in Richmond, Va., in 1907. The missionary motive is the great organizing impetus. Headquarters of the Baptist laymen was first in Baltimore, then in Chattanooga, and now in Knoxville, with J. T. Henderson the only full-time paid secretary. Mr. J. H. Anderson is the active president. In recent years this laymen's movement has been known as the Baptist Brotherhood.

Dr. P. H. Anderson of the Baptist Bible Institute spoke on "Recruiting and Training Christian Leaders." Jesus had little to say about leaders. He discouraged the desire for eminence. He said, I am among you as one that serves. The highway of the kingdom is through slavery to sovreignty. He is greatest who serves best. Training and enlisting: How is it done? Enlist those whom Jesus enlists, and not those whose hearts He has not touched. Jesus chose 12, of whom eleven were true. But Jesus had a heap of trouble with them. We will find it true of those in training today, even with those whom Jesus has called. To enlist those whom God has not chosen is to put the cause in jeopardy. They must be trained. When Moses led Israel out of Egypt, he had to raise up a new generation, trained under a new regime. We need today that all our organizations should make an intensive study of the Word of God. Thus shall God speak to His people. We must teach them to observe all things which He has commanded.

Pastor B. W. Walker of Hollandale spoke on "Practical Applications of Principles of Brotherhood." Practical way is the Lord's way. Consider two things: (1) saved men, (2) under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All saved people are saved in the same way, by the death of Jesus. Our pressing need today is a new heart through faith in the blood of Christ. The assurance of salvation produces active service to God. The service must be unto God. And it must be in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not we that work, but God worketh in us to will and to do. We are not to be empowered merely, but guided by the Spirit. That is the way each must find his place in the work of God.

Pastor J. H. Kyzar of Drew spoke on "What shall we do about it?" Each one of us has his own idea of the future, and we are already decided what we are going to do. Three possibilities: (1) We shall do nothing at all, (2) We shall work assiduously to put into effect what we have learned, (3) Or we will compromise by adopting an intermediate course. Some conditions we confront: (1) The pastor's attitude. People will not go further than the pastor leads; (2) Attitude of the laymen in the church. You can't lead if people don't follow; (3) Your local situation, conditions peculiar to your church. Every pastor has to take cognizance of this. It may not be possible to have a brotherhood in every church. Is it needed and practical. The results desired: Have well fixed in mind what you want accomplished by means of a brotherhood. Let these be according to the New Testament teaching as to what men ought to be and to do. This ought to be worship of God and service

Brother H. T. Shivers, Brookhaven Rt. 1, brought in fifteen additional subscriptions from Antioch church in Lawrence County, running the number well over the fifty per cent mark. We are grateful for friends and helpers like this.

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## Editorials

OUR CONVENTION

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Looking back now at the Convention those who attended will be making an appraisal of what was done, and those who could not attend will be asking "What did you do?" Several things stand out that are worthy of remark.

First, appreciation should be expressed of those who did all to make the messengers comfortable so that they could attend to the Lord's work without hindrance. The churches and people of Meridian were generous and considerate in their hospitality. To say this is not a mere gesture of courtesy, for there is plenty of work to do in arranging for and entertaining a convention. Nothing was left undone by our hosts. Meridian is a good place to go to and all Mississippians are proud of this "Queen City."

The Convention addressed itself seriously to business. There was no slackening of interest from start to finish. There were no bursts of oratory—no "give me liberty or give me death" dramatics. There were, we say it with pleasure, no great addresses, with one exception. Those who spoke had something to say. They may not have been speaking in every case on the subject before us, but they said what was on their hearts. There are times when great inspirational addresses are in order, but they did not fit in well with the spirit of this meeting. We were there to attend to business.

The people showed patience and determination to go through with what we were talking about, and come to some conclusion. An effort was made a time or two to limit debate, but it didn't stop the discussion; it went on. Just enough time was taken Wednesday evening for a hasty supper and they were soon back to business. The mission program was finished a little after nine p. m. and business was resumed and continued till near midnight. And the folks were standing around against the wall to the end. They didn't mean to go "back till it was over over there."

And they kept in a good humor. They fought their battles in a fine frame of mind. With a single exception there was no unpleasant incident. We were not there fighting one another, but earnestly striving to come to the knowledge of the will of God. It was sometimes through difficulty and tribulation, through earnest prayer as well as free discussion, that we were able to come to a conclusion. Not all votes were unanimous. Sometimes the people had to be counted, but nobody went away with a grouch.

So much for the spirit of the Convention. What did they do. Well every interest had a look in. Some very brief, from five minutes on up. All of us could have wished that the various mission interests could have had fuller discussion. But it is now coming to be that the man or woman who doesn't get his information on these matters from the Baptist Record, won't get it at all. The Convention is more and more a business session. We had good reports and good brief talks on many subjects. Only Home Missions and Foreign Missions got longer time. The former was represented by Dr. J. B. Lawrence in a ringing address. Mississippians always hear him gladly. Foreign Missions was rell presented by brother McMillan, returned from China, who held the attention of all by giving actual experiences of God's working on the mission field.

But the time was largely given to consideration of plans to provide for debt payment and future support of the work. Secretary R. B. Gunter and the Convention Board did not come with a ready made plan, but threw the whole thing in the lap of the Convention. Everybody was given a chance to do his own thinking, and was urged to do so. When the matter was squarely before the Convention, Dr. Gunter moved that a committee which he named be requested to bring in a report with a plan. These men are all laymen of ability and business acumen,

and experienced in denominational work. They are Messrs. W. M. Whittington, M. P. L. Love, S. E. Travis, S. E. Cole, A. S. Bozeman and M. E. Leake.

When their report was in it was everybody's business, from midafternoon to midnight. Their report was finally adopted without change, though a substitute was offered and earnestly advocated. The substance of the report is here repeated because it was the chief item on the Convention program. It provides that the Investment Campaign by Dr. Gunter be continued till Dec. 1st, to provide for payment on state debts, the continuance temporarily of \$10,000 each to Blue Mountain and the Woman's College on current support, in lieu of the required endowment, the authorizing of a campaign by these colleges to raise \$200,000 each for added endowment, plans subject to approval of the Convention Board, and authorizing the Convention Board to meet obligations falling due in 1936 by refunding, by a campaign or by selling the secretary's home, or otherwise.

The substitute plan which was not adopted, though earnestly advocated, was to put on a campaign in 1936 for \$1,000,000, for endowment of the two schools for young women, to pay interest and expenses, to provide the current support supplement, and to pay the debts on the Convention Board.

The responsibility is now on the denomination to increase the endowments up to standard requirements for a four year college, namely \$500,000.00 each. The two girl's schools have now only \$300,000.00 each.

#### JESUS AND THE RESURRECTION

Recently we spoke of the Resurrection of Jesus as the only sure ground of hope we have of our own resurrection and of the certainty of a life hereafter. It may be remarked in passing that Jesus and the New Testament writers connect very closely the two facts of immortality and of bodily resurrection, if they do not actually identify them as parts of the same thing. To be sure there are people today who claim to believe in some sort of continued existence, but refuse to believe in bodily resurrection. Jesus put the two in the same category of faith. In answer to the question of the Saducees as to which one of seven men would have for a wife the woman all had had in this world, Jesus said, "That the dead are raised, even Moses showed, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live unto him." Of course these patriarchs had not and have not yet been raised, but resurrection and immortality were inseparable teachings in the mind of Jesus. If you believe in one, you will have no trouble with the other.

But what we are concerned with in this article is the fact that Jesus made the fact of his resurrection the one essential proof of all his claims, and of the truth of all he taught. The bodily resurrection of Jesus, his coming back alive from death and the grave, is not a thing to be accepted or rejected at our option, it is rather the pivotal doctrine and fact of the whole claim of Christ and of the whole Christian system. "If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain."

Paul said in writing to the Romans, "He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead." In selecting a successor to Judas the church in Jerusalem said, "Of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection." If Jesus did not rise from the dead not only are we false witnesses against God, but Jesus is proven to be a false witness for he repeatedly foretold his resurrection. But Jesus not only foretold his resurrection, he made it the one sufficient proof of all his claims. When on more than one occasion the critics came to him and asked for a sign by which they might be convinced beyond doubt of his divine commission, he said, "No sign shall be given you, except of Jonah, for as Jonah was three days and nights in the belly of the whale so shall the Son of Man be three days and nights in the heart of the earth."

The resurrection of Jesus was the turning point in the faith of all his disciples. If he had not come out of the grave, they would never have clung to him. They would have abandoned all allegiance to him. There would have been no reason for believing in him or preaching about him. Peter said, "They were begotten again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead." The two disciples on the way to Emmaus expressed the hopeless state of mind of them all, when they said, "We had hoped that it was he who should deliver Israel."

The preaching of the resurrection of Jesus was the turning point in the preaching of the apostles. It was the ground of faith in Peter's appeal on the day of Pentecost, and it was the ground of Paul's appeal alike to barbarians in Asia Minor and to the cultured Athenians on the Areopagus.

It must still constitute the ground of our hope and our preaching today. It is still true that, "If thou shalt confess Jesus as Lord and believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." It is true that he died for our sins according to the scriptures, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. But the only assurance we have that his death was anything more than that of an ordinary man, that it is accepted of God as a propitiation for sin, and effective in us for the removal of sin, is that God raised him from the dead. He died because of our sin, He was raised because of our justification.

First Church, Hattiesburg, began an evangelistic campaign Sunday. Pastor Harvey preached and seven were added to the church. Evangelist Bishop J. Willis of Sumter, S. C., was expected Monday night, and will preach twice daily.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence underwent an emergency operation in the hospital in Atlanta on the sixteenth. We understand that his condition was serious, but improved at the latest report. His friends in Mississippi will join in prayer for his recovery.

Pastor R. L. Wallace is beginning his ninth year as pastor at Raymond and Terry. They have trucks which bring the children to church and Sunday school at Terry. He says they have 42 families in a government colony near Terry. He thinks it more difficult to do pastoral visiting than in years past, and that others beside the preacher must do some of the visiting.

Over thirty prohibition law violators were convicted recently in the federal court in Jackson, and the jails are so crowded that the judge allows those convicted to pay fines instead of going to jail. That's the sort of temperance the repeal of the prohibition amendment has given us. And other troubles multiply. At Gulfport eighty divorce cases confronted the chancery court, and Bolivar County twenty.

Pastor H. C. Clarke, who preaches to country churches in Copiah County, spoke by request to the Pastors' Conference of Central Mississippi on the every member canvass in a country church. These are some of his suggestions: Distribute tithing literature; get the deacons and other leaders together for conference; be prepared to meet all excuses; create sentiment strong enough to overcome opposition; call in any outside help available; have a definite goal; be sure to finish the canvass.

Dr. H. M. King, while disavowing that he had solved the problem had some good things to say in a recent pastors' conference about holding the children and young people for the preaching service. He put the first responsibility on fathers and mothers; commended the help of the six-point record system; get cooperation of your young people's director; have a junior choir at one service; use young people for ushers; preach a 25 minute sermon. Somebody else suggested that we preach to the children when they come.

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## Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y. This one thing we do, pay our debts.

#### "THE LAST BILLION WILL WIN THE PRESENT CONFLICT"

The caption was the expression of Lloyd George during the world war. A similar expression might be made concerning the Investment Campaign. The last \$68,500.00 will win the victory. 479 churches sent in contributions from September 1st to November 9th. 116 churches reached their quotas. The total amount received this year to November 9th was \$31,500.00. If those churches which have not responded will do as well as those which have responded, the full quota of \$100,000.00 will be raised, and every obligation upon the Convention for this calendar year will have been paid before the year closes.

Victory lies with the churches and members which have not responded. It is possible for these to save the day. It is possible for them to win the victory. It will not be won unless they respond.

In fairness to our creditors, they should respond. In fairness to those who have already responded, they should do their part. They will respond with the proper information, inspiration and leadership.

The time is limited, but the right kind of effort for just one Sunday will bring the victory. So many pastors have said, "We raised the quota in less than fifteen minutes." To do this, it is necessary for those presenting it, as pastors or as church chairmen, to carry a note of victory in their voices. We cannot win with the corners of our mouths down. They will have to be turned upward. We cannot win with an apologetic appeal. There is nothing so helpful as a victorious note. We can learn from the trumpets upon the battlefield.

Let all who read bear in mind that the victory can be won, and that the obligation of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention can be met if all those churches and members which have not responded will do as well as those which have responded. There is no reason why they should not respond as their brethren have.

## LIBERTY CHURCH

Liberty Baptist Church is located in Winston County, six miles west of Noxapater. Reverend C. C. Weaver of Noxapater is pastor.

This church needed a new house of worship. The members, as well as the pastor, had a mind to work. They decided to erect a new building with Sunday school rooms. They asked no help from the State Mission Board. With their own hands they labored. The building was completed on record time and was dedecated November 17th.

This writer, while pastor at Louisville, pastored this church for two years. He tried to keep his promises to the church and the church kept its promises. At the beginning of the second year the pastor advocated the Bible plan of financing the work, and by the first of March more than half of the total expenses for the year had been paid. One would have to go far to find a more satisfactory congregation with whom to worship.

Brother Weaver has been indeed a leader in the erection of the building. He also led in a noble way as pastor in the erection of the church building at Calhoun City, which building is a credit to any town of the size of Calhoun City. Not only has he led the Liberty people in the erection and in paying for their house of worship, but he is leading them in the fundamentals of church life. During their revival last summer, there were 36 additions to the church. What this church has done can be done in prac-

tically every country community if the people have a mind to work.

#### NOTICE

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, First Baptist Church, December 9th at 7:00 P. M.

#### RESPONSE BY DISTRICTS

154 churches in the Northern District have sent in from September 1st to November 9th contributions totalling \$6,108.23.

171 churches in the Central District have sent in \$6,866.20.

154 churches in the Southern District have sent in \$6,096.25.

## LET'S GO

By A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager "Ask the People and They'll Subscribe."

#### ON THE GO

#### Waynesboro:

On our way to the Wayne County Association, we thought we were slipping in on Slick Greene and his saints at Waynesboro for their weekly prayer meeting service. He spied us and announced to the audience and to us that the writer would speak in about three minutes. One of the best prayer meeting crowds and also one of the most spiritual describes the Waynesboro prayer meeting.

It was our delightful privilege to be overnight guests of Bishop Greene and his good wife.

#### Wayne County Association:

Through the courtesy of Pastor Greene we were whisked in his new car (just one flat) to Strengthford for the meeting of the Wayne County Association. All causes were given a good hearing, many brethren taking part on the program. The Record was given a good place on the morning program and at the noon hour quite a number of the Wayne County saints were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to become subscribers to THEIR OWN Baptist Record. Rev. M. S. Varnado preached a great sermon on "Money."

#### Greene County Association:

Through the kindness of Pastor Varnado of State Line we were met at the train and soon found ourselves greeting the brethren of Greene County Association at County Line church. Every church save two answered the roll call at the beginning of the session. Rev. O. U. Sullivan delighted all with a strong sermon "Why I Am A Baptist."

The County Line church shows the evidence of the fine organizing ability of Pastor Varnado. The wall was liberally decorated with A-1 banners for various organizations. A chart was prominently displayed showing that quite a number of the members of that good church were in on the "God's Acre Plan." The good pastor says that he preaches tithing in all his churches and that they are responding in a fine way and that it is bringing results.

Every pastor in the association was present save one. Such good attendance always makes for the betterment of any association.

#### Canton:

Pastor Campbell being away in a meeting, it was our good fortune to be privileged to preach at both hours for the saints at Canton. Everything was well organized and functioning well. A well filled auditorium greeted us at each service. Many fine things were told us about the love of the Canton people for their good pastor. We are hoping he goes away again and soon.

PREACHER BRETHREN, please put on a Record campaign. It is easy and IT WORKS. Try it.

#### Help Us Economize

Sometimes, even we make mistakes! If you are getting 2 copies of the Record, if your address is incorrect, if your time as shown on the address label is not correct, notify us. We are anxious not to have any errors. But as perfect as we are, they sometimes creep in.

#### THANKS

The following have sent in lists of subscriptions to the Record. It is by such unselfish work that the Record is growing. NEXT.

Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron.

Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello.

Rev. H. H. Bethune, Newton.

Rev. B. L. Davis, Brookhaven.

Rev. H. T. Shivers, Brookhaven, Route 4.

Rev. M. J. Derrick, Canton.

Miss Elois Toler, Leland.

Y. A. Myers, Heidelberg.

Mr. B. E. Turner, Philadelphia.

Rev. R. H. Campbell, Wiggins.

If your Record comes in a Yellow Wrapper this week, it means that you have only one more issue before your subscription expires. In order not to miss a copy send your renewal in now. Don't wait, you might forget.

Students of Mississippi College are this week conducting simultaneous evangelistic meetings in all the Baptist Churches of Jackson.

Brother J. H. Hooks declines the call to Davis Memorial Church in Jackson. We hear that he has been called to a church in Baton Rouge, La.

The committee to nominate members of all boards, reporting to the State Convention next year, are: H. C. Bass, C. O. Estes, G. P. White, E. H. Westmoreland and R. B. Patterson.

The Bethesda Church in Hinds County has decided to go to full time preaching service. They have had hitherto Pastor R. A. Langley for only half-time. Beginning Jan. 1st he will preach to them every Sunday.

Don't forget that now is the time for the every member canvass to start. It will help to put local and denominational interests on a systematic basis.

One of the most important of the committees in a Convention is the Committee on Committees, that is to appoint all committees. This year it consisted of Messrs. Webb Brame, L. T. Lowrey, W. L. Meadows, Bryan Simmons and J. N. Berry.

President Roosevelt's refusal to become involved in trouble with Mexico, on account of the religious strife in that country, is the only course that could be taken. It was a great disappointment to the Knights of Columbus who asked him to interfere, but it will be approved by everybody else.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the Convention next year had lighter work than usual. The place had already been fixed as Natchez; the church at Natchez had asked that Rev. Bryan Simmons (converted and ordained in Natchez) be the preacher. The Convention decided to meet a week later next year. The committee nominated Dr. M. O. Patterson as alternate preacher.

The annual report of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis showed that 1935 has been its best year. They are paying off their bonded indebtedness at the rate of \$5,000 a month. By the end of 1936 all bonds will be paid down to \$18,000. The Hospital has been in operation for 22 years. The number of patients treated in the past year was 13,800 of whom 5,000 were charity patients, or part charity. The total cost of operating the Hospital the past year was \$396,386.35. Of the charity patients 2,529 were from Tennessee, 800 from Mississippi, 774 from Arkansas, and 86 from other states. The total assets of the Hospital are \$2,558,133.80, with liabilities of \$91,435.61.

#### BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

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ported for Clarke College, showing the improvements which have been made by those who have recently leased the property for school purposes. Heads of all departments have Masters or Doctors degrees. There are 23 ministerial students. Religious organizations are functioning well, and the atmosphere is conducive to spiritual life. None of the students here could have gone elsewhere, for lack of financial ability. There are eleven employes, on small salaries, but satisfied. Cash is being paid for everything. No debts are made.

Dr. R. B. Gunter presented a statement of the obligations of the State Convention:

On the Board he showed the following: 1. Convention Obligations......\$574,829.02 2. College Obligations ......\$198,530.87 3. Alumni Association .........\$187,664.21 4. Baptist Hospital ......\$ 58,700.00 5. Orphanage ..... \$ 3,491.55 6. State Board ...... .....\$ 10,500.73

Total

Reports of the Investment Campaign were distributed. The proceeds to date are about \$19,-000.00. There are 479 churches which have contributed, 116 of the churches raising the amounts asked of them. One thousand of the 1,600 churches paid nothing. The largest contribution was \$761.00 from Lowrey Memorial at Blue Moun-

\$1,033,716.38

The total amount received this calendar year for state debts is about \$31,500.00.

By request of Dr. Gunter a committee was appointed to recommend at the afternoon session a plan for meeting our indebtedness. These are W. M. Whittington, A. S. Bozeman, E. S. Cole, S. E. Travis, M. P. L. Love, W. E. Leake.

Wednesday afternoon's session began with a song service conducted by brother Canzoneri; Rev. Carey Cox led in prayer. The Mississippi College quartet sang. Rev. L. W. Ferrell reported for the Committee on Review of Social Service. Work of the Miss. Hospital commended, also of the Memphis Hospital, and of the Children's Home, kind reference being made to past superintendent O. C. Miller, and commending the new administration. The Committee on Temperance was continued. The committee recommended the continuation of the truck collecting plan, and that it be modified so as to reach the country churches. Approved.

Dr. T. W. Young read the report on review of Report on Christian Education. Baptists are committed to Christian Education. Missions and Education cannot be separated. We work in this field through the three colleges. They deserve our highest commendation. We find no cause for criticism. Their greatest need is now financial. It is recommended that the Convention take final action in relation to Clarke College. That relief be given the Convention of the promise to pay \$10,000 to the support fund of each of the women's colleges. That the girls colleges be authorized apart from other agencies of the Convention to complete their endowments. A motion was made to refer this question to a committee, but this was lost, and the vote was to take final action as to the relation to Clarke

The recommendation to withdrawn the promise of \$10,000 to each girl's school. Further consideration was deferred to a later time. The Review of the Convention Board report. Special prayer was led by brother E. S. Flynt. Rev. A. F. Crittendon presented a report on "The Baptist Brotherhood." Reference was made to the Laymen's Convention in February in Jackson. Associational brotherhoods have been formed, also in local churches, including country churches. Interest is growing. More laymen are here than heretofore. Recommend organization of more brotherhoods, observance of Laymen's Day, promote the 100,000 Club, also giving a tithe, encourage schools of stewardship and missions,

commend the Cooperative Program and every member canvass, training deacons, that laymen read the Record and Home and Foreign Fields. Attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Use the programs printed for them.

Brother A. J. Wilds highly commended the new booklet by E. C. Williams on Bible study. Visitors and new pastors were recognized; H. C. Moore of Nashville, J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta, P. H. Anderson of New Orleans, Austin Crouch of Nashville, McMillan of China, Mr. and Mrs. Ware of China, J. C. Welch of Louisiana, Barnhill of Missouri, Miss Byrd from China.

New pastors: Harry Borah, Houston Smith, Meyers, J. R. Eubanks, C. S. Thornton, T. A. Sumrall, Earl Brooks, Chas. Wingo, Percy Ray, D. B. Hillburn, R. B. Haynie, Stennis of Enter-

Dr. T. F. Harvey read report on Review of Convention Board's report. Increase in receipts were nearly \$25,000 more than last year, due to larger special gifts. Each department of the Board's work was reviewed and generally com-

Telegrams were read from Alabama and North Carolina Baptists.

Committee on Resolutions approved the request for the publication of Dr. E. K. Cox' book. Also expresses sympathy with desire for help to rural pastors, but recommend that the matter be referred to the Convention Board; adopted. Adopts recommendations by N. S. Jackson on prohibition legislation; also continuing the cooperative temperance committee. This was carried unanimously by standing vote.

Mr. W. M. Whittington reported for the special committee on Convention obligations or debts. Due Dec. 1, about \$89,000,00 and nothing to pay it with. Recommend that the campaign be continued till Dec. 1st and effort be made to secure contributions from all our people. That the support fund be withdrawn after the present sessions and the colleges be authoribed to raise their endowment fund. Board be authorized to refund its indebtedness, by selling the secretary's home and special campaign. That the Board present a plan next year to liquidate our

Mr. S. E. Travis did not sign the report and he took occasion to explain his position. He opposed the withdrawing of the support fund on ground of conscience. It was a pledge to be carried out till the endowment reaches \$500,000 for each college, a pledge to which we are bound in morals and in law.

Rev. I. F. Metts of Jackson spoke to the effect that changed conditions justify changing contracts.

M. P. L. Love, a member of the committee, spoke favoring the report, believing it does not repudiate a contract. He explained that the \$10,000 support fund is not necessarily withdrawn. The colleges are given the opportunity now to raise the \$200,000 each to be added to the endowment. It will necessitate the raising of the endowment fund. Only in this way will this thorn in the flesh be removed.

President W. E. Holcomb spoke, making a plea for cooperative effort between the Convention Board and the colleges in raising the necessary money.

Brother Sidney Johnson favored authorizing the colleges to raise the support fund, the Convention underwriting it.

J. A. Barnhill offered an amendment that we launch a campaign for raising \$1,000,000.

Dr. R. B. Gunter expressed the belief that the colleges could get the support fund better than the Board could.

Rev. M. A. Davis thought all had made up their minds. He recommended praying and voting. J. W. Lee led the prayer.

Pastor Herrington of Gallman spoke for cooperation between all parties.

Wednesday evening began on time, although they had but a short time to get supper after adjournment, having staid till it was dark out-

side. They did not tire apparently from the long afternoon session. Brother Canzoneri had the crowd singing happily. Miss Lassiter played softly on the xylophone, and the Miss College quartet sang "Have thine own way, Lord." Pastor J. P. Kirkland led the devotional exercise, having a quiet period of prayer, then a prayer by brother W. A. Sullivan, and reading from Rom. 12 and a simple prayer for close fellowship with God, and likeness to Him.

President Nelson introduced Mrs. Rice, president of the State W. M. U., who presented Miss Robinson, leader of the Young People, and Miss Traylor who conducts the women's activities in the state. Miss Traylor read the annual report. She showed that the offerings in the past year for Foreign Missions, the Lottie Moon Offering was \$11,000; Home Missions \$7,327.70 and State Missions \$6,000.00. The educational work of the union has gone on, and cooperation and responsiveness have been pleasing. Dr. I. D. Eavenson of Cleveland gave a testimony to the work of the women, a special appreciation of Mrs. Rice. From the tomb Jesus commissioned the women to tell the disciples of his resurrec-

Pastor J. R. Kyzar of Drew made announcement of the coming R. A. Encampment June 9-13, 1936, Registration fee and board will be only 5.00. The purpose is study and fellowship and inspiration and recreation. Place, Castallian Springs, near Durant.

Rev. J. L. Boyd presented the report of the Committee on the Centennial session at Natchez, next year. The request is made for one afternoon for a special program, also for memorial services at the grave of Ashley Vaughan and at the site of the first Baptist church in the state. Also provision is asked for memorial stones at the grave of Ashley Vaughan, and at the church grounds where the Convention was organized.

Dr. Gunter presented Dr. McMillan of N. C. who spoke for the Foreign Mission Board. He expressed the regrets of Dr. Maddry who could not be present because of so many conventions meeting this week. He brought grettings from the Chinese brethren, native and American. He worked 22 years in China and has never seen the Christians so hopeful as now. The debt on the board has been lately reduced over 50 per cent. We are not working in China to transplant American civilization, but to bring to them the one true religion; the messengers of Jesus, the Son of God and only Savior. In Christ there is neither foreigner nor Chinese, but he makes of both one new man. The speaker then gave a most interesting account of his personal work among Chinese, and how he led them to Jesus. China is in the harvest time today. But China will not be evangelized by missionaries. It must be done by the young men and women now being trained for Christian service We need spiritfilled, God-called men and women among the Chinese. Will you help us to train them. We are all glad that this true missionary came our

Here we had a special anthem by the choir of the host church, accompanied by the pipe organ, singing Kipling's hymn "Lest we forget." It was beautifully rendered.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence brought the message on Home Missions. He referred to the experience in his last attendance at a Mississippi Convention 15 years ago when he gave up the work in Mississippi. Missions is our dynamic and unifying motive. Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice combined the foreign and home mission task. They are wings of the same body. Luther Rice was the cause of all organized work among Baptists in America. Baptists have followed this program. "Beginning from Jerusalem" is the Christian order. Home missions is the basis of world evangelization. Jesus went only once out of his own land. He was a home missionary. The twelve went to Israel; the 70 went not beyond the border of their own land. It must be established at home. If we save the world, we must have vigorous, spiritual churches at home.

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Our biggest problems are in the homeland. It may be that Chinese Christians will some day be sending missionaries to America. If we lengthen our lines we must strengthen our stakes. It is said that 60 per cent of the people in America do not attend church. have no adequate program to reach these people. If the debts of the Home Board were paid, it could put on a great evangelistic program. The Catholics and Communists are making great inroads among American negroes. The foreigners in America are a great evangelistic challenge to us. There were 100,000 foreigners left America last year. What do they tell their people about Christianity.

Four missionaries from China were presented: P. H. Anderson, H. H. McMillan, Miss Juanita Byrd and Mrs. Mary Long Ware.

The discussion of the report on Denominational obligations was resumed. Mr. Fishel of Hattiesburg moved as a substitute a campaign for \$1,000,000.00 for debts, support fund and endowment; of this the first \$50,000 for interest, support fund and expenses. The next \$500,000 on debts and the rest for endowment. Rev. Byran Simmons made an earnest appeal in support of the \$1,000,000 campaign. He was followed by Rev. H. L. Spencer who spoke to the same purpose. Here the Convention stopped for a season of prayer.

Dr. Gunter said if the Convention launched a million dollar campaign, he would give his year's salary. Dr. W. T. Lowrey was afraid the people back home would not be enthusiastic about such a campaign. Pastor W. C. Howard also spoke. Rev. A. F. Crittendon favored the \$1,000,000 campaign provided we could come to the centennial celebration out of debt. Pastor W. L. Compere favored it theoretically but believed it impractical. W. A. Greene said we are not going out of the education business. He asked that every Sunday morning the preachers pray for our Convention work. It was now 11:15 p. m. but the people were standing around the sides of the room.

The proposed substitute was lost, and the original motion passed.

#### Finally, Brethren

"Just as expected," the most of the folks that were here last night are not here this morning. Some may be sleeping off the "night before," when we "sat up" with the plan of campaign for the future; but most of them are probably on the way home, forgetting the scripture, "In your patience ye shall win your souls," or "he that endureth to the end, etc." Lots of folks who believe in the "preservation of the saints" are not so strong on the "perseverance of the saints." Au revoir, amis.

Brother Canzoneri did his best with the folks he had and the singing was good what there was of it. The xylophone gave us its parting message and was folded up and started home. Well, this morning's session is an example of the "survival of the fittest," both in attendants, and possibly in subjects. Here comes the Baptist Record leading the rear guard, after prayer by brother H. E. Ray of Corinth, and the reading of the minutes. The Record editor made a few remarks and intriduced the circulation manager who expressed gratitude for the cooperation of many pastors. He said our advertising rate from Jacobs and Co. will be 75 per cent above the price paid last year, and the circulation is over 60 per cent above that of last year. All propaganda from every department of our denomination in Mississippi is carried in the Record at the Record's expense and not at the expense of the work, except as we may have a deficit. There would be a surplus instead of a deficit if all the space taken were paid for. Our hope of success is with the pastors who are interested in their people and the Lord's work.

Brother Silas B. Cooper of Calvary Church, Tupelo, said The Record is one of the greatest helps he has in enlisting his people. It is his assistant pastor. Nearly all his people read the Record. Rev. J. A. Bryant, pastor of a country

church has it in more than 50 per cent of his families and it has helped to build up his church and missionary budget. Brother W. E. Hellen said The Record has been a good wedge to open up his difficult problems, and the Record has kindled the fires of missions in his church. It is his assistant pastor.

The Sunday School Department was presented to the Convention by Dr. J. E. Byrd, for 32 years engaged in our State Sunday school work. He stressed work in the country, and the training of our people for more difficult work, particularly to do personal work with the unsaved in every community. Dr. H. C. Moore, of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, spoke on "The School of the Best, Make it Better." He spoke of the good Mississippians in their work in Nashville, including T. L. Holcomb and N. R. Drummond. Dr. Holcomb came as a Spirit-led man, the Lord's choice. He followed a splendid succession, the right man in the right place. He has served well in Mississippi, Texas, and Oklahoma. The Sunday School Board is debtor to Mississippi for many of its best men and wom-

Our works progress depends on leadership and on literature. The literature should be Biblical, Baptistic, Evangelistic, Devotional, Developing, Missionary, Practical, School has the best Teacher, has the best Book, in the best institution the church, enlists the best people, utilizes the best day, engages in the best work, insures the best development, supplies the best equipment, strives toward the best goal, and the Sunday school is the school of the best. Do your best today and you can do better tomorrow.

Dr. Gunter announced that the total receipts for the campaign are to date \$31,500. Let's make it \$40,000 by Dec. 1.

Secretary A. J. Wilds presented the B. T. U. cause. He introduced Hugh Brimm, student in M. C. to speak about the work done by the B. S. U. He has been a Christian only two years, but has given himself fully to the service. The message he has taken to the young people is "We are fools for Christ's sake, a Christian seven days in the week. That is the sort of people who will win the world for Christ. The lack of them is explanation of our slow progress. Last summer this group of young people from Miss. College held 15 evangelistic meetings. More than 6,000 young people dedicated themselves to God, and many gave their lives to Christian service. Next summer we propose a more extensive campaign. Pastor J. P. Harrington said the meeting held in his church was the sweetest of his experience. So did J. D. Ray of Starkville and E. F. Wright of West Point, J. D. Franks of Columbus.

Committee reported Natchez place of meeting next year. Preacher Rev. Bryan Simmons, alternate M. O. Patterson. Time Tuesday evening after the third Sunday in November. Nominating Committee reported. Names will be given else-

Dr. P. H. Anderson spoke for the Baptist Bible Institute. Our youngest school of the prophets, located in the greatest mission field in the South-500,000 French, 4,000 Italians and 100,-000 other foreigners. There are 100,000 negroes. There are some real Americans, but a minority. In Southern Louisiana are 1,000,000 people mostly unsaved. New Orleans is the second seaport in America, having 100 steamship lines, reaching all the world. The ends of the earth meet here, and influences go out to all lands. The Bible Institute was founded here of the Lord to meet just this challenge and opportunity. It seems a pity that it should not have started fifty years sooner. The Baptist Hospital soon followed. Here is a genuine Baptist missionary spirit, and it is bearing fruit not only in New Orleans but in this whole mission field. The faculty is made up of men with the missionary spirit and thorough educational preparation. The students are all missionaries, in the churches, on the streets, in the institutions and in the country around. The speaker, a missionary in China for 28 years, finds himself quite at home in this

mission field. There are 26 Mississippians in the Institute. The bonded indebtedness is being reduced.

Dr. H. W. Davis of the Southern Seminary was introduced as the successor of Dr. A. T. Robertson. This sessions opening is bigger than last year, about 350, of whom a fine group is from Mississippi, one of whom is the son of our presiding officer. Dr. Davis read from Paul, All scripture is inspired of God, etc., that the man of God may be perfect. God's man; properly articulated, right up to date, furnished out to the last possibility. That he may be ready when God calls. Be zealous - a workman unshamable rightly dividing - cutting straight, according to the craft which Paul followed. Otherwise the work is spoiled and the product thrown out. Also Paul said to Titus: "Let no one despise your youth-Don't act like a kid." Again, Let no one think around you, outthink you, think circles around you. Don't let the pew outthink the pulpit. Nobody thought circles around Paul. That is what the Seminary is for.

Dr. M. O. Patterson spoke for Ministerial Education. The help given to ministerial students at Miss. College is mostly rent of room or house for family. The Board asks for the continued appropriation for next year, and for June offerings in the Sunday schools.

Dr. H. C. Bass reported on the 100,000 Club. He first sought to present the Meridian pastors and the committees, but most of them were not here. Three years the 100,000 Club has been in operation. Great gloom at that time was on our Southwide boards, some threatened with collapse. Something had to be done. The answer was a reduction in operating expenses, and the 100,000 Club. Bankers breathed more easily. We began slowly and grew constantly. To date there are 32,000 members, 3,000 in Mississippi. \$368,000 plus have been given and paid on debts. Only four states have surpassed Mississippi. There has been no overhead expense. All Southwide boards which were in debt have been helped. \$18,410 have been saved in interest. Praise was given the Baptist Record for help, and to the associational leaders. We want 5,000 subscribers in Mississippi and all subscriptions be paid every month. Thus we keep faith not only with the banks but with our missionaries. We must have a program that is big enough to make us feel decent when we go to God to pray about it. Unless we have a great program we do injury to our people.

Dr. Gunter offered an amendment to the report to the effect that the state debts be included in the 100,000 Club, the money to be divided 50-50 between state debts and southwide debts. Dr. Bass objected that the pledges made to the 100,000 Club were in the nature of a contract with our creditors. Dr. Austin Crouch, secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave his reasons for objecting to taking funds pledged to an object and apply them to another. Try asking each man for \$2.00 a month instead of one. Dr. Gunter explained that the plan to divide would apply only to those who came in hereafter, and as many as are willing for their contributions to be divided. Dr. Bass pleaded that we do nothing to confuse the minds of our people. The vote on Gunter's amendment was against the amendment, leaving the 100,000 Club as con-

tributors to Southwide debts only.

Rev. A. F. Crittendon presented Dr. Austin Crouch to speak on the Cooperative Program. It needs new study and new emphasis. It means cooperation between the Southern Baptist Convention and each State Convention. Originally the proposal was that the hundred thousand club be divided 50-50 between Southwide and state objects. It was turned down. Brother Crittendon called attention to his report in the Convention Board's report. He has a program for education and enlistment for the coming year. He has issued a pamphlet for study in this line.

The Convention sent a telegram of congratulations to Mother Berry on her 85th birthday.

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CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary

INABELLE C. COLEMAN, Editorial Secretary

#### THE HIGH COST OF THE DEBT Charles E. Maddry

During the seven year period of 1929 to 1935 the Foreign Mission Board paid out in interest on borrowed money the staggering sum of \$384,458.45. This sum would have paid the salaries of 61 missionaries for seven years, at eight hundred dollars each per year. What a sinful and colossal waste of mission money!

This is only the cost in dollars and cents. This is bad enough, but there are other costs to the Foreign Mission Board more tragic by far than this. There is the cost in the decay and deterioration of the Board's property on all mission fields. We have been unable to repair any property to amount to anything for ten years. We saw the effect of this neglect of our property everywhere in China and Japan and the same is true in all lands. Everywhere we saw mission chapels, school buildings, seminaries and homes of missionaries going to pieces for lack of repairs. The roof of the Graves Theological Seminary is going to collapse soon unless something is done about it. The white ants have eaten up the beams supporting the tiles of the roof. We are now trying to sell a house of one of the Chinese professors for \$1,500.00 with which to repair the roof.

The roofs of three hospital buildings are going to fall in soon unless we repair them. Everywhere we saw splendid school and college buildings, windowless and rotting for lack of a little money for repairs. At one of our stations, three single missionaries, one of them old and sick, have taken their own meager salaries to repair the Board's property. But why discriminate? Our blessed missionaries have done that everywhere.

The Board in the high days of the Judson Centennial and the Seventy-five Million Campaign bought land on all mission fields and erected comfortable houses for our missionaries. It is absolutely essential that we have good homes for our missionaries in heathen and pagan lands. It is essential that they get away, when night comes at least, from the crowds, the sights, the suffering, the hopeless despair and down-dragging pull of sin and superstition and death all about them. And these beautiful homes are rapidly going to pieces. Roofs are leaking, window blinds are falling, paint is gone. Floors and supporting beams are eaten up by white ants. To every appeal by missions and stations for needed repairs, we could only give one answer to all: The Board has no funds for repairs.

But the most tragic and heart-breaking cost of all is the cost in missionary personnel and morale. Only a few missionary recruits were sent out between 1925 and 1934. Ten years of waiting and pleading for re-inforcements that never came! Miss Shumate, for instance, pleading for fifteen years for a companion to work with her in that vast field at Shiu Hing. Miss Bertha Smith pleading for help at Tsining that never came. Then there are the missionaries breaking under the strain of waiting for recruits that never came. Many are sick and crushed under the weight of sorrow in seeing the work of a life-time going to pieces because there is no one to carry it on. The sorrow and tragedy of it all takes a toll of one's strength and emotions that is devasting:

Within a year some fourteen missionaries have resiged and twenty have retired because of age and the infirmities of age.

And the recruits we are now sending must go through that long and trying period of adjustment and language study before they can be of service on the field.

Surely this awful debt has just about bled the Foreign Mission Board white! We are paying the debt, yes, but at fearful price.

Here is the most heart-breaking cost of all—every door stands wide open for entrance of the Gospel but for the lack of recruits and supplies we cannot enter!

God forgive us for bringing this curse of debt upon the Lord's work!

#### THE PETROPOLIS B. Y. P. U.

For a long time our little church had almost no young people. There were grown-ups and their children, but as the years have passed, we have graduated Sunbeams into the B. Y. P. U. and won others so that there is now a group of young people doing good work. You may be interested in their service to the church. On the birthday of the members, books are given to the library. Whenever one has a birthday, he gives a present to the library, now we have a splendid collection of books. The young people direct the open air preaching work and cottage prayer meetings in the homes to which neighbors are invited. Thus they have a very active part in evangelization. This union also took an active part in the purchase of a baby organ used for cut-door preaching. David plays the organ for the meetings. He will be ten years old in October.-Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Brazil.

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Receipts for October 1935

Program Funds\$	35,280.30
Designated Gifts	17,294.90
Debt Account	17,785.65
Lottie Moon	3.00
Miscellaneous Income	10,324.89
Total\$	80,666.74

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS E. P. Buxton, Treasurer

Receipts from the Cooperative Program and from designated gifts for the month show an increase of more than \$4,000.00 over those for October 1934, and more than \$18,000.00 over those for October 1933. For this indication of improved conditions and of renewed interest we are profoundly grateful.

But, lest we should become unduly elated over this gratifying gain, let it be recalled that for October 1930, five years ago, the receipts from these two sources were \$20,000.00 more than for October this year.

So, after all, we are just on our way back to where we were before the depression set in, and there is still quite a distance to go to reach former heights of attainment.

With payments on the debt this month of \$19,500.00 the debt account now stands at \$512,000.00. On July 1, 1935, this account was \$574,500.00, since which date and within a period of four months, there has been paid on it a total of \$62,000.00.

The goal of debt reduction to half a million by December 31 of this year which was set on

July 1, 1935, will in the providence of God have been reached and passed before the end of November.

What an inspiration and a challenge to the new year is the achievement of this year in reducing the debt of \$924,500.00 by almost one-half! And what a glad day for missions when the energy now required to lift the debt of the Board can be applied to the task for which the Board was created, namely, that of sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

ORIENTAL GRATITUDE TO DRY MADDRY

Daily there flows into the Foreign Mission Board offices letters of gratitude and praise for Dr. Charles E. Maddry's visit to the mission fields. Over and over they write: "He brought new life to us." "His great, warm heart so full of love and understanding and His God-given wisdom blessed us as nothing else in all the world could have done."

From a highly cultured Japanese teacher in the Baptist school at Fukuoka there came this paragraph: "We were waiting for them at the restaurant for some little time, picturing in our minds what they would be like. When we saw a very large person in Dr. Maddry, and rather a small person in Dr. Weatherspoon, we were instantly reminded of David and Goliath in the Bible, but the difference lying in the fact that they were perfect brothers. We were glad that their coming to Japan meant cementing the ties more tightly than before. And when we were told of the sacrifical giving of Southern Baptists to spread the Gospel throughout the world we were moved to tears. I was particularly struck by the story of how the notice of the late Dr. C. K. Dozier's death was received in Richmond. It showed us how very deep and touching is their love towards those who are working for our Lord. I pray that the mustard seed sown in Japan may grow to be a big tree in which the birds may begin to nestle."

Another says: "Please express to our Baptist brethren in America our heartfelt thanks for their brotherly love and cooperation."

#### CHINA CELEBRATES CENTURY OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

A. R. Gallimore, Canton, China

The Canton Hospital in South China is the oldest hospital of any kind in China. It was established under great difficulties by Dr. Peter Parker and opened in November, 1835. Dr. Parker, a Congregational missionary physician, had arrived in China a year before, but could not begin work until he learned a bit of language and got his bearings. It was no easy task to get Orientated in the Orient within a year or more. The record remind us that it was Dr. Parker who "opened China at the point of a lancet." His was the beginning of the ministry of medicine and surgery in the Far East. This significant event is being celebrated in a very large way during the first week in November 1935, by the coming of medical men from all parts of the East to take recognition of that small beginning which has made such an impression in China. Following the opening of this first hospital by a Christian physician, other mission hospitals were opened in all parts of China; later as one of the great by-products of Christianity, private hospitals were established by the government in many parts of China.

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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

Had the pleasure of being in the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference and the State Convention last week at Meridian. I judged it a fair Convention. Trust the things accomplished will be of God's glory. Meeting the brethren and sisters made the occasion more joyful.

My home while in Meridian was with brother Joe Buie and family. Rev. W. B. Hudson of Chalybeate was my room-mate. We fared fine in this good home. Brother Buie is a member of Southside Baptist Church, Rev. Blanding Vaughn,

Rev. Leonard Grafton, who has been doing pastoral work in Louisiana for the past five years, has recently located at Meridian. He is ready to serve churches wherever. needed.

Rev. John R. Breland of Philadelphia where he serves a number of churches and is moderator of the Neshoba County Baptist Association, has resigned his field of work and will locate at New Orleans and attend the Bible Institute. He will serve the church at Judson, La., and other churches.

Rev. Jay M. Gilbert will soon locate at Aricola, Miss., and give three Sundays there and will perhaps preach at Merrill one Sunday. This is an important field.

Rev. Thos. A. Myers, who has been in Arkansas, has located in Jasper County and is pastor of Corinth Baptist Church in that

Dr. Otho R. Mosely lives at De-Kalb and serves a field of churches in Kemper County. He also teaches in Clarke Memorial College. He taught in a college in Kentucky before coming back to Mississippi.

Pastor B. E. Phillips has the habit, which is a good one, of holding two revival meetings a year in some of his churches. Soon he is to hold a week's meeting in Fork Church, Simpson County. He held one in the summer.

Rev. John Thompson, since the death of his good wife some months ago, has been living with his daughter in Meridian. He has been one of our strongest gospel preachers. He is not doing pastoral work at present, but if you want to hear a good sermon send for him.

Neshoba County has sent out a number of preachers. At the Convention I met a number who were reared in Neshoba but have gone to other fields. Among these were Elders J. E. McGraw, Decatur; W. W. Grafton, Coldwater; Jay M. Gilbert, Lucedale; N. A. Edmonds, Shubutua; Thos. A. Myers, Hiedelberg; W. L. Grafton, Meridian.

Rev. Earl Brooks, who has been in Missouri serving as pastor of churches, has come back to his home state and is living at Harperville. He is a nephew of Rev. G. S. Jenkins of Lucedale.

While in Meridian I met a brother who told me that I started him to tithing many years ago when I was pastor at Lawrence and he was still practicing tithing and enjoying it. One expression he recalled: "Brethren, it takes an honest man to keep correct books for God."

Hon. J. Knox Huff, of Forest, is one of the outstanding laymen among Baptist in our state today. He was elected chairman of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference last week and presided with dignity.

Mr. F. C. Wilcoxson, of Vicksburg, seemed to hit the keynote in his address on the "Layman's Need of An Organized Brotherhood." He was requested to prepare the address for publication in the Baptist-Record.

"The first question is whether our Baptist institutions are making contribution to the kingdom of Christ. If not they should not be continued,"-Nelson.

"It is said that a Baptist church is the easiest organization in the world to get into, and the hardest one to get out of."-McGowen.

"The break down in the utilization of our man-power in the churches is a great tragedy."-Mc-

"If we are going to win others to Jesus, we must live out the things we profess. . . . In my work last summer some young people said to me that it was surely not wrong to dance and play cards for they had done both with their Sunday school teachers and B. Y. P. U. leaders."-Brimm.

"The Baptist Record is my assistant pastor. My W. M. U. secured more than half the families as subscribers in my church." - Silas

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#### SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ALUMNI LUNCHEON --0-

At the Southwestern Alumni Luncheon in Meridian on November 13, the following officers were elected for the Mississippi Alumni of the Southwestern Seminary: Rev. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, president; Rev. J. M. Metts, Water Valley, vice-president; Rev. Mark Lowrey, Silver Creek, secretary.

Short addresses were made by Rev. H. L. Spencer, Hattiesburg: Dr. P. H. Anderson, missionary of Canton, China, and W. T. Conner, Professor of Systematic Theology, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth,

Dr. Conner was the official representative of the Southwestern Seminary. His assurance of the continued consecration and scholarly leadership of the faculty and river-like flow of student activity was inspiring to all present. A renewed devotion to Southwestern and the cause of our blessed Lord, to whom the institution is dedicated took hold on the group.

By vote of the body, the secretary was instructed to send an appropriate telegram to Dr. Scarborough, which thing the secretary was diligent in doing.

The sum of \$33.00 was pledged, some of which was contributed in cash, for the Nurse's Fund for the Training School. The nurse takes care of the babies while the mothers attend classes. Those who have not yet sent in their contributions are requested to send them to Mrs. J. P. Harrington, 2501 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Scarborough is desirous of having a complete roll of all former students of the Seminary. You will therefore please send to the secretary your names and addresses and those of any you may know who would probably not read this article. It does not matter if the same names are sent in more than

Any assistance that the secretary can at any time give to any former student will be rendered with promptness and gladness.

Mark Lowry, Secretary. Silver Creek, Miss.

#### BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS.

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The student body and faculty of Blue Mountain College, together with many visiting friends, celebrated this morning the eighty-fifth birthday of Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, vice-president emerita. The beautiful college chapel, named by loyal alumnae in honor of Mrs. Berry, was the scene of the occa-

The president of the National Student-Alumnae Association, Mrs. May Gardner Black, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was present, and brought birthday greetings from twelve thousand students scattered over the United States and many foreign countries. She gave an account of the sixty-six Blue Mountain College Clubs recently formed in Mrs. Berry's honor.

Frances Dozier, president of the student body, gave a glowing tribute to Mrs. Berry, and presented flowers from the student body.

Many other beautiful floral gifts, and hundreds of telegrams and letters coming to Mrs. Berry throughout the day from Blue Mountain College Clubs and former students showed the devotion of those whom she has inspired in her sixty-two years as an official of Blue Mountain College.-P.

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## THE BAPTIST RECORD

Jackson, Mississippi

## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by L. D. Posey

For Nov. 24, 1935

Subject: The Messages of Haggai and Zechariah.

Golden Text: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord. Ps. 122:1.

Scripture: Haggai 1:2-8; 2:8-9; Zech. 4:6-10. For supplemental work, both these books of prophecy should be read.

Time: The prophecies of Haggai used in this lesson, were uttered in B. C. 520; Zechariah prophecied that year, and at times through a long life. We know he was living as late as 445, B. C., 75 years later than his work with Haggai.

Place: The events of this lesson occurred almost entirely in Jerusalem.

#### Introduction

A vivid word picture of the excitement incident to the beginning of a new home or church building, then the sadness of the cessation of work on that which was so happily begun, will get the attention of the pupils in the lower Sunday school grades. The application can then be made to the failure to live on faithfully day by day, in loving service to God.

Adult classes may find a rich field in this lesson from which to gather sober lessons of practical importance for the age in which we live.

Very little of certainty is known of Haggai; not even his father nor his birthplace. It is possible that he was a mere babe when his people were carried into bondage. If he ever prophecied before that we have in his book, it has been lost to the world so far. Meteor like, he rose above the horizon, cast his bright rays over a discouraged people, filled them with hope, urged them on to the consummation of their task, and then sank from view. One thing, however, is true: No man could accomplish what he did in the few recorded messages of his, which we have, without having back of it, an unimpeachable character.

The prophet Zechariah was, in some respects, the opposite of Haggai. He was a very young man when he began his public work, and gave the most lengthy, and in some ways, the most important book of any of the minor prophets. It was given to him to see more clearly than any of them, the closing years of Gentile world rule. And, while he did not know it, his prophecy also covers the closing period of Jewish history before the return of Jesus, and gives a foregleam of the millennial reign of Christ on earth. Of course none of these terms were used by him; but it is easy for the Bible student to know where Zechariah's prophecies belong in God's plan for His people. May I appeal to those who read these notes, to study carefully Zechariah's prophecies.

The Lesson Studied

Zerubbabel was the first governor in Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity, and Jeshua, same as Joshua in Hebrew meaning, was the first high priest. Under these two as leaders, about fortythree thousand citizens, including their families, with about seven thousand servants, returned to Palestine, and began to rehabilitate their home land. (More than eight times that number have returned to that land, and from among every nation of earth, since the close of the World War). The first thing they did, was to erect an altar, and offer sacrifices to Jehovah. The second year, they laid the foundation of the new temple, but unfortunately, the work soon ceased, and for about sixteen years, nothing of any consequence was done.

In passing, it might be worth while to state that this temple, built under the leadership of Zerubbabel and his followers, was partially destroyed by Antiochus Epiphenes in B. C., 63. It was restored by the Macabees. Herod the Great removed the decayed temple of Zerubbabel as partially restored by the Macabees, and in B. C. 17, began the temple in which Jesus worshipped while on earth, and which was destroyed by the Roman's under General Titus, A. D. 70.

At the close of the above paragraph, second to the last, is the point where the messages of Haggai and Zechariah come to the fore in today's lesson. Several causes had combined to delay the work on the temple, and make necessary the messages of the prophets. First, the Samaritans, part Jewish and part Gentile by blood, wanted to have a part in the building. When their offer was refused, opposition arose from them. Next in order, was opposition from those in authority under the Medo-Persian government. They believed the Jews had in mind to rebell against that government, and in that way cause trouble by a depleted treas-

Delay was also caused by the people leaving off work on the temple to give themselves to their own home building enterprises. The delay, as delays always do, increased the difficulty of ever going forward with the original plan. Interest lagged, crops failed, wages declined, and a general spirit of Spiritual despondency prevailed. It was in the midst of these conditions, that the two fiery prophets with their burning messages spake with such telling effect for God.

Today's study will be lost, unless we gather lessons of practical value from it. For that reason, I submit some thoughts for study. First, we have the co-operation and mutual helpfulness of political and religious authority. Neither invaded the domain of the other. The religious needed the protection of the political, and the political needed the spiritual energy generated by spiritual righteousness. Plainly spoken, once and for all, a righteousness that does not produce a citizenry that is law abiding, health giving, hunger eleminating, ignorance banishing, racial hatred removing, spirituality increasing, is

no righteousness at all. Every phase of human betterment follows regeneration as daylight follows darkness. The call for a "Social Service Bureau," is, on the face of it, an admission of something other than saving faith in Christ.

Another iesson to be drawn from this study, is that God's people always meet with opposition when they really try to do something worth while. The more righteous the undertaking, the keener the opposition.

Next we note that when these people turned away from the specific thing for which they were permitted to return to Palestine, that of building the temple, then the Lord withdrew His blessings. Also, they diverted their increase from the Lord's work to their own selfish desires, which brought disaster to themselves and their enterprise.

The application of these truths to present religious conditions, are so self-evident, it is useless to take space to name them. Suffice to say: As they failed, so have we. As they suffered, so do we. As their remedy was a return to God with penitent hearts and confession of sins, so must we, if we ever expect a spiritual awakening, and the favor of God upon our efforts to carry forward His work.

It is interesting to note that both the leaders of the Jews from bondage, first from Egypt, then from Babylon, were named "Joshua." Also, that the Bible meaning of "Joshua" is the same as "Jesus," whom both those men fore-shadowed, and who will lead God's people from their final bondage, back to their own land, and then reign over them as He rules the world. Surely the Bible is a wonderful book, and reveals to us many wonderful things.

## WINNFIELD, LA.

A revival began in the hearts of a very small group several months ago, though the meetings did not begin until the twentieth of October. Rev. A. E. Prince of the First Church, Pineville and Rev. A. E. Pardue of the First Church, Bunkie, came on the twenty-first and preached and sang the gospel for two weeks. The Lord graciously blessed the ministry of these brethren. Brother Prince is indeed a great preacher and brother Pardue is an effective leader of gospel song

At the end of the two weeks the pastor and the prayer group felt that the meetings should continue and after much prayer and waiting upon God, we decided to continue with the pastor and the local forces.

and a great soloist.

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We had two all-day prayer meetings in the three weeks. What days of mountain peak experiences and blessings they were! As a result, our people are going into the homes and places of business doing personal work and in one way and another trying to win to Christ and the larger life. We covet the prayers of the brotherhood as we continue to carry on for our Lord.

Yours fraternally,

B. C. Land, Pastor.

## MOTHER

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#### CONDUCTING THE CHURCH bers to make pledges, indicating BUSINESS IN A BUSINESS-LIKE WAY By Carl Kosanke

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Churches are not "businesses" to be sure, but there are certain essential matters of a plain business nature which no church can escape. Churches which neglect the business side, will likely be found to be drifting. Drifting is easy, but perilous. Such churches do not merit the favor of God or man. Some have all but killed their spiritual influence in the community through carelessness and indifference in essential business matters.

It seems to me, we can find ample precedent for business-like methods in the Scriptures. Furthermore, everything we behold in the handiwork of God, reveals detailed plan and order and system. There is nothing casual in the nature and work of God. Hence it would seem to be a sin, a misrepresentation of God, to conduct the affairs of His church in a haphazard, unbusinesslike manner, before a critical-eyed world.

Perhaps if churches generally would employ sane, sensible, business-like methods in handling their finances, those members who have the "business-like attitude," would be more willing to put freely of their substance into the channels of the church. Incidently, the type of member just referred to, is on the average most able to give. Perhaps there is a worthwhile moral in that fact. Certainly members ought to have an opportunity to know beforehand just what the money they are expected to give shall be used for, and they ought to have reasonable assurance afterwards that their gifts really arrived at the intended destination. This calls for a definite policy for disseminating information and for making regular reports. Accurate reports are of course impossible without accurate records. Secret juggling of funds is unjustifiable. The wishes of the individual and of the church must always be respected.

One of the first essentials of good business is to keep the "out go" within the "income." This is not always easy. To control this the church must vest all spending authority in a reliable individual or small group, who act in close cooperation with the receiving end of the line. The authority to say, "Charge it to the church," must be restricted if the budget is to remain balanced. Matters involving large expenditure will of course come before the entire church for action and it behooves the church to exercise sound judgment here. Faith is commendable, but faith without sound finances has gotten some churches into serious trouble. Alert churches have found it necessary for the sake of efficiency to plan their financial program for an extended period - usually for one year. This calls for the making of a budget. To do this intelligently they must know with reasonable accuracy how much money they will receive during the period. Hence it is necessary to ask mem-

what they may be expected to give. To employ reasonable inducements to get all members to do their full duty is a church responsibility. Those who are doing their duty should encourage the rest.

Next it follows logically that accurate records be kept of individual contributions. This is possible when members use individual offering envelopes, and by employing one of the numerous good systems for keeping accurate individual records. Usually a few members object to contributing that way. They prefer absolute secrecy, not wishing to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing, so they say. The true reason is usually very apparent. There is no use to antagonize them. If and when they become better stewards they usually change their attitude on strict secrecy.

Regularity in giving on the part of the members is essential. Good business demands it. The world expects the church to meet its obligations promptly. This is possible when receipts are regular, and sufficient. Regular giving is Scriptural and business-like. But good business is always Scriptural, for that matter. Stewardship implies business-likeness. When the stewards were called to give an account to their master they produced the figures. The tithe itself is business-like. Accurate tithing requires some records and figures. The person who says, "I think I tithe," is only making the confession that he is a careless steward.

Since many members do not keep accurate records of their giving, they really appreciate a statement periodically, revealing the status of their account with the church. This, it seems to me, should not be necessary, but at present a limited amount of it seems wise. A statement serves as a reminder, as an inducement and as a check against errors. Occasionally some member misunderstands and becomes irritated. This is unfortunate. In such cases we can leave off the statements. I hope the time may come when statements can be dispensed with entirely. Good stewards naturally keep their own records, and though the church also keeps a record, statements would become unnecessary.

This word of caution here: In my opinion, a cold business attitude and approach has no place in trying to "collect" un-paid pledges. Pledges are not "notes" after all, and whatever inducements are employed, all should be done in a spirit of Christian love, and should not be much more than simple "reminders." Members who are able to pay and will not do so on being reminded of their Christian duty in a nice way, are likely still unsaved, and from such the church does not propose to extract funds.

Occasionally good sincere members meet with unfortunate circumstances, making it impossible for them to redeem their pledge in full. Certainly this fact should never intentionally be allowed to cause them embarrassment. That's good religion and no violation of

the principle of a pledge.

As new members come into the church family during the year, they should be supplied with information on the financial policy of the church, along with other church formation. This can easily be done through a printed form letter. They should be supplied with contribution envelopes and given an opportunity to indicate the amount they expect to contribute. If they are good stewards they will regard this as a favor, if they are not, then they still need to be enlisted and perhaps there is no better time than immediately after they have come into the church fellowship. There is no true reason to feel hesitancy here.

Some churches publish financial honor rolls periodically, of those whose pledges are paid-up. Usually it is considered an inducement. Some feel that this is "doing your righteousness before men." Perhaps there is some truth here. Certainly there is much ground for a financial honor roll as for any other kind of honor roll or publicity list. "Honor to whom honor is due," and "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works . . . " could be quoted.

The Christian who gives spasmodically or the left-overs to the Lord's work is unbusiness-like and is an unfaithful steward. Likewise the church which asks its members to be systematic in their giving, while the church itself does not contribute systematically to denominational causes is not exactly honest, is not business-like, is itself lacking in stewardship. Churches that send "the balance" to denominational causes can hardly afford to ask their members to give proportionately. The church that wants to be systematic in contributing to outside causes can either have two separate budgets, one for local and one for missions and benevolences, to which members make designated contributions, or the single offering can be divided on a definite percentage basis. To remove a possible temptation and to inspire confidence in the minds of the members it is best to keep these funds in separate accounts in the bank and have a separate treasurer over each. Funds for outside causes should then be forwarded regularly, at least once a month. This is fair and business-like.

Certain business-like plans and methods are necessary in every church no matter how small, and we need not shy from them. Undoubtedly it is possible to have too much so-called machinery. To have less than is needed is unfortunate for the church, to have more than is necessary is also worse than unnecessary. Each church should try to determine for itself the amount and the type of plans and methods

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needed to realize its highest efficiency, giving careful consideration to ideas and suggestions that come from other churches, of course. If the leaders in the church are energetic, spiritually minded and sincerely interested in seeing the church attain and maintain its greatest usefulness, then their experience will constantly point them to the best plans and policies for their own church.

Finally, we must admit that plans and methods may become cold and mechanical. This is true whether there are few or many. So whatever business-like methods our church employs, let's strive to keep them well lubricated with Spiritual vitality and significance, lest the very click and noise thereof frighten the over-apprehensive.

Let's conduct our church business in a business-like way, and let's keep the love and the spirit of Christ in it, for such will surely be well pleasing to Him.

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## The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

Mrs. J. N. Morris and Virginia Schumpert are giving us some good advice this week about giving to the orphans, Mrs. Morris speaking highly of our birthday offering plan for them, and Virginia mentioning November as our special month for the Orphanage. Both send their gift. I wish every one who has a birthday in November or December would join our birthday offering and send one cent for every year you have lived, and it will all go to the children at the Orphanage. You will see somewhere on this page the list of those who have already sent their pennies. You see, Fannie Mae is sending her uncle's offering, but she does'nt send his name. I will put this list in every week that we have even one new name to add to it. As for Mrs. Morris, you saw my mention of her and her name on the list in the Record of Nov. 7th. You should have seen her sweet letter, too, and I don't know why it did n't get in. But here it is today, and you will enjoy it.

I have a friend, a young woman who is an invalid, in bed all the time. She is trying to get a radio by sending subscriptions to magazines for people who want them. If you will Do you understand? send her the subscription price for a magazine, as for the Woman's Home Companion, \$1.00, the magazine will begin to come to you for that \$1.00. She will get her pay from the Woman's Home Companion. Some people take several mag-azines: wouldn't it be nice if they would send the money for them to my dear girl? And what a pleasure for her! If you will send the money for one magazine or for several, it will not cost you a cent more than if you sent it to the publishers. I will be glad to get it to her. These magazines, several of them just a dollar, are such good Christmas presents, if you have already sent your own subscriptions. You will certainly be making two roses bloom where there was just one blooming before! I mean, my dears, that you will be giving a year-long Christmas present to present some one you want to remember, and will be making this sick girl happy. Who will be the first one to send? If we should do this well, that is enough of us do it, we might make this our Christmas service. How about it?

Besides the letters mentioned above, we have a letter from Mrs. Mayo, and another from John Harold Bethune

With love to you all, Mrs. Lipsey.

Bible Story No. 33 Nov. 19th, 1935 The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-24 This beautiful story that Jesus told for the benefit of the Pharisees and Scribes, is about a man of wealth who had two sons. Though there was abundance in this home, the younger son became dissatisfied there, perhaps because of dis-like of his mother, or of wishing to throw off the control of the father and to be free. He asked his father to give him the property that would come to him at his father's death. This was an unkind request, he was not entitled to it until his father died, but the father consented. Perhaps the son had been pretty hard to get on with in the home. When there were two sons, it was customary to leave to the older two-thirds of the property, to the younger, one-third—twice as much to the older as to the younger. So, almost as soon as the younger boy received from his father his share of the fortune, he set off from home to have a good time. But his fortune not as large as it seemed to

him, and was soon wasted in riot-ous living, assisted by the wild companions who gathered around him. When all he had was gone, a great famine began in the land, and he had nothing to buy food. He joined himself as a servant to a citizen of that country, who seems to have been unwilling to engage him, and put him to the lowest service, feeding hogs. This was made worse by the fact that the keeping of swine was forbidden to the Jews under a curse. He came so near starving to death here that he would have been glad to eat the pods he gave to the hogs. Perhaps while he felt so well off

he had not thought much of his home and father, but now he is fallen so low, he thinks of the good food the many servants eat in his father's house, and he is perishing with hunger. He is again his father's son, and he resolves to arise and go home, and say to that father hat he has sinned so much against him and the Lord that he will not ask to be his son again, but one of the hired servants. When he has made this resolution, he loses no time, but gets up and goes to his father's house. The father is quick to see him coming, even a great way off, and runs out and takes him in his arms and kisses him. The returned prodigal cannot say all he had in mind, for when he has gotten as far as his unworthiness and sin, his father's glad voice cries out, Bring out the best stola, (the upper garment of the better classes) and put on him, and the ring for his hand and shoes for his feet. Thus the father declares this, his dear son, come back to honor in the father's home. But the elder son when he came in from work was not glad to see his brother and spoke to his father in an ugly way. The elder brother had the thoughts of a servant, of service and reward: the younger brother had the welcome of a son in the mercy and love of a father.

Olive Branch, Miss., Nov. 11, 1935. Answers to Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 38

Wise men, Matt. 2:1-3. 2. Isaac, Gen. 24:67.

3. Luke.

Lydia, Acts 16:14. of Paul's Iconinom, (map

journey). Aceldama, Acts 1:19. Mahanaim, Gen. 32:2. WILLIAM.

Fannie Mae Henley.

Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 39 1. After the Lord's Supper, what did Jesus and the disciples sing? 2. What brother did Absalom kill

at sheep-shearing time? 3. What king of Judah had his eyes put out?

4. What book of the Bible gives an account of the Israelites leav-

ing Egypt?
5. What was the name of the Christian church, established by the apostles, which was wealthy and lukewarm?

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Mrs. Burns, Ann Sandridge, 24 Mrs. J. N. Morris, 55 cents.

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Newton, Miss., Nov. 14, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey: I am a little boy nine (9) years old. I have a little sister five years old. Her name is Betty. I am sending 25c for the Orphanage. I am

going to school in Newton, and am in the fourth grade. With love,

John Harold Bethune. You are a new member, aren't you, John? We are so glad to welcome you, and I have just put your name on my book. Your money name on my book. Your n shall go to the orphan's soon.

Kosciusko, Miss., Nov. 5, 1935. Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

received your letter today, and will hasten to answer it. I was glad to hear from you. It was real nice of you to go ahead and get the Bibles. I know they will appreciate them, they have done hard work for them, and I feel like it has helped them.

You spoke of us giving birthday pennies as Mrs. Phillips did. That is a plan our W. M. U. has; each member puts the number of pennies in the treasury when her birthden arrives with a 17th of day arrives, mine is the 17th of August. I know Mrs. Phillips real well. I was at one time a member of the same church and we did church work together. I'll try to save up pennies for both birthday donations next year.

I must go or else you won't want me to come again. I am thankful to have been of some help to you. Hope you will have a nice Thanksgiving day, a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Your friend,

Mrs. Beulah Mayo.

Smithville, Miss., Nov. 8, 1935. Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sorry to be late with Club No. 17's dues. I am enclosing \$2.00, one for October and one for another month I missed sometime ago.

am going to school now. I surely do like to go. I have a very sweet teacher.

Thanksgiving will soon be here. I hope that the children at the Baptist Home get heaps of nice things. I am going to send something then.

Lots of love, Virginia Lane Schumpert Well, Virginia, if lots of little girls do what you are going to do, the children at the Baptist Home will get "heaps of nice things." Your \$2.00 comes in all right, and we are mighty glad to get it. Thank you.

> Longtown, Miss., Oct. 29, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey: Will you let me in please?

I'm a little girl with almost snowwhite hair, made so by the frost of fifty-five (55) winters.

But I do enjoy the Children's Page so much, I read every letter, and wish that the page might be filled each week with these sweet childish talks. Am sending 55 cents as the Phillips' birthday offering to the little children in the Baptist Home. God bless every one of them and you too, for your good work, and I hope brother Miller and his good wife will soon be well and strong again. All my babies are grown, and my only grandchild

lives in Jackson. Come on you mothers and grandmothers with your birthday offerings, for these little ones, God has placed in our care. Bye-bye, love, Mrs. J. N. Morris.

We certainly appreciate your letter, Mrs. Morris, and hope you will come again soon. But you mustn't brag about your age, for I certainly know some folks who are lots old-er! Fifty-five is really quite young, and I'm sure, charming. Thank you so much for the birthday offering.

Olive Branch, Miss., Nov. 15, 1935. Answers to Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle No. 39

Caiphas, Matt. 26:3.

Hebron, Gen. 23:2-19. Agag, I Sam. 15:33. Rachel, Gen. 29:16.

Lot, Gen. 11:27. Eleazar, Ex. 6.23. Silas, Acts 16:19-23.

CHARLES Fannie Mae Henley.

> Mize, Miss., Nov. 14, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey Below you will find answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzle No. 37

Caiaphas, Matt. 26:57. Hebron, Gen. 23:2. Agag, I Sam. 15:33. 3.

Rachel, Gen. 29:16. Lot, Gen. 12:5.

Eleazar, Lev. 10:12. Silas, Acts 16:25-26.

The answer spells CHARLES. Your friend. Nannie Mae Roberts.

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Baptist Training Union

Aim-Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary

Oxford, Miss.

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Bay Springs Intermediates

Under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Massey, their leader, the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of Bay Springs is doing splendid work. Their report for the last quarter showed the union had reached the A-1 standard. At the last meeting of the Associational B. T. U. they won the efficiency banner of which they are justly proud. The Bay Springs union as a whole is moving forward in a fine way. We are grateful to Doris Parker, Corresponding Secretary of the Intermediate Union, for this good report.

Notice—Going to Birmingham from North Mississippi?

Mr. Kermit R. Cofer, Water Valley, Miss., is working up a crowd from his association and district to go via bus to the Southwide B. T. U. Conference to be held in Birmingham beginning December 31 and running through January 3. Mr. Cofer has a rate from the Tri-States Coach Co., and the trip, round trip is being offered for \$5.00. Including bus fare and other necessary expenses for the trip \$12.00 will be sufficient for those who know how to economize. This will be a good Christmas present for fathers and mothers to give to their son or daughter. If interested in this trip, please write direct to Mr. Cofer. Mr. Cofer is director of Yalobusha Associational B. T. U. and president of District 3 B. T. U. Convention. He hopes to have a hundred from his district attending the conference.

Choctaw Elects New Officers

At the last meeting of the Choctaw Associational B. T. U. new officers were elected. Mr. Robert Lacy, a member of Beulah church, was elected director, Rev. T. F. Stroud was elected as associate director, Miss Mattie McDowell was chosen for secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Mabel Fultz became the Junior-Intermediate Leader. Brother W. D. Wallace, the retiring director, has done a good work and leaves a foundation for these newly elected officers to build on.

A Tithing Campaign

Our State Convention in session last week in Meridian passed a measure committing our State Board to a tithing campaign for 1936. Our B. T. U. Department has been emphasizing this Bible doctrine for a long time and has a page in the Associational Director's plan book to record the names of tithers in the various churches. This new emphasis on the part of our State Board should help individual unions as well as our associational directors to enlarge the list of faithful stewards.

The two-fold object of the B. T. U. is to enlist and train the membership of the Baptist churches. A well organized Baptist Training Union in a church backed by pastor and church will accomplish this two-fold object. Organized and left to operate without proper direction and steering will result in either an early death or a farce, however, Better not have one if it cannot be made a religious meeting accomplishing its purpose. Young Christians want to do the right thing and will when properly led and encouraged.

November Is Survey Month

November is Survey Month with our Associational directors. Cooperate with your associational director, give him all the information he asks for. He only wants it that he may serve you better.

Dear Lord, for all thy manifold blessings we give thee thanks this Thanksgiving day. Help us day by day to recognize thee as our best friend, and may we prove a friend of thine.

Elliott B. Y. P. U.

During the week November 4-8 study courses were conducted in the Eliott Baptist Church. Brother N. B. Saucier, pastor of the church, taught a class in the Senior Monual and Miss Dorothy Dahl of Memphis, Tenn., taught a class in the Junior Manual. Both classes were well attended and most satisfactory work was done by those attending. The classes closed with a social and all reported a fine time. The B. Y. P. U.'s are stronger because of this additional emphasis in the work.

Yours truly,
Eliott B.Y.P.U.'s.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Who's Who contest results showed this week that Mississippi College students had conferred on E. P. Littlejohn of Sherman, president of the Student Government Association, four of the ten honorary titles voted on annually by the Choctaw student body.

Littlejohn was elected most popular student, most promising senior, friendliest student, and biggest politician.

Six other students were awarded honorary titles as a result of the balloting. James H. Reno of Hamilton was chosen as the most deserving member of the student body. William H. Willis of Meridian, editor of the student yearbook, was chosen for the second consecutive year as most intellectual student.

The title of best athlete went to James Hitt of Clinton, who has starred for three years on Choctaw athletic teams. Harris Brister of Canton was named greenest freshman. John B. Lovell of Clinton was awarded the title of biggest bull-shooter.

For the first time in the history of the Who's Who contest at Mississippi College a co-ed was given a title. Katie Bell Gaston of Morton was chosen as biggest flirt.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Student Government Association and the Tribesman, student annual publication. Pictures of winners are placed in the Who's Who section of the yearbook. William Willis, editor of the book, said that photographs of all winners would be made in the near future so that they might be sent in for publication in the yearbook.

JOHNIE MEADOWS

Johnie Meadows died at Magee Hospital Sept. 30, 1935, born July 16, 1895. He leaves a wife, three brothers and five sisters. He was laid to rest in the Calvary Cemetery amid a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives, brother Robert Bounds and brother Parker officiating.

He was a member of Rose Hill Baptist Church, served as deacon and Sunday school superintendent. He was loyal to his home and church.

May the Lord's richest blessing rest upon his dear loving wife.

His sister, Sarah Ann Mayfield.

DR. B. F. HAND

The Waynesboro Church lost a valuable member in the home-going of Dr. B. F. Hand. Dr. Hand was long a deacon of the First Church, Quitman. It was there the writer knew him. He was always loyal and cooperative. He was the pastor's friend.

When he moved to Waynesboro he identified himself with the church at once. He was placed on the board of deacons and served faithfully and efficiently. He was chairman of the pulpit committee which secured brother Green. He was chairman of the building committee which erected their present church plant. Truly, the church has lost one of her most valuable members

B. C. Land.

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Jackson, Northside Church 9	6
Meridian, First Church61	2
Columbus, First Church58	1
Brookhaven, First Church51	9
Laurel, First Church47	2
Laurel, West Laurel Church40	7
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church24	2
Laurel, Wausau Church 4	6
Pine Grove Church (Jones Co.) 8	3
Mt. Oral Church (Jones Co.) 5	8
Clinton Baptist Church39	7

GRAY'S OINTMENT

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Superficial Cuts and Burns and Minor Bruises. 25c at Drug Stores. Canton, First Church 205
Quitman, First Church 204
West Point, First Church 235
Ocean Springs Baptist Church 104

THANKS

The people of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church wish to express their sincere appreciation to the State Convention Board for the check received for twenty-five dollars (\$25) to help in reconstructing the church which was destroyed by fire last year.

The church is also greatly indebted to the New Hope Baptist Church for the donation of an organ.

May God reward you all for your kindness shown us during this time of need.

Pauline Wallace, C. C. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Leake County, Carthage, Miss.

Don't neglect your CHILD'S COLD

COMMON colds often settle in throat and chest. Don't take chances. Don't let them go untreated —at the first sniffle rub on Children's Musterole.

Children's Musterole is just good old Musterole, only in milder form. It penetrates the skin with a warming tingle and gets such marvelous results because it's NOT just a salve, but a "counter-irritant"—helpful in drawing out local congestion and pain.

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## B. S. U. Department

Woman's College

Have you had the power of God released on your campus through the means of an all-night prayer meeting? Woman's College students have twice this fall. Once, the night before the State B. S. U. Convention and again last Saturday night which was the night preceding the concluding day of our week's revival. Following the first allnight prayer meeting there came an unusual feeling of spiritual strength to those participating, a trip to Oxford without one unpleasant incident, deep spiritual benefits from the Convention and an abiding sense of the presence of God after the return from the Convention. Following the all-night prayer meeting last Saturday night were glorious services both morning and evening with visible results in that ten persons accepted Christ as Savior. God's special blessings come through prayer.

At the close of the evening preaching hour and just before the baptismal service the president of the student body and the Baptist Student Union president of Woman's College took charge of the service and bespoke the sentiment of the entire student body in their words of thanks, appreciation, and love for Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Spencer who have labored in Immanuel Church for the past six years and who are leaving immediately for their new field of service with the College Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer were

M. C. Ministerial Association

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sponded to the opportunity for ser-

vice at the CCC camps during the

month of November. Certainly no

field, promising a richer harvest

can be found. It is not merely a

duty, the performance of which

brings reward "Over There." It is

an unequalled privilege; a reward

The royal manner in which they

were received at the camps; the

splendid attention and interest

manifested during services; and the

hearty invitations to return, led us

to say, "Praise His matchless

name." Were there no rewards

hereafter one must of a necessity

acknowledge God's goodness in

It is impossible for all of our

boys to participate in that one field

of service; consequently they have

sought other tasks - too many to

enumerate. Look at the "Old Men's

Home." Four of the boys went, one

to preach, the others to sing and do

personal work. Having finished the

service, we walked into the sick

room. There we found several, but

one man in particular lay upon his

bed. Said he, "It seems my back

will break when I move." But up-

on inquiry as to his soul's condi-

tion his eyes lighted up, a smile

within itself.

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as that.

called to the platform and presented with a silver coffee service, the gift of the student body.

Hallye Gene Hart, Reporter

Blue Mountain College B. S. U. Among the great treasures revealed to us on Blue Mountain College campus are those which we receive at the noon-day prayer meeting. Such meetings are primarily what is signified by the name itself-prayer meetings, but usually a student or some visitor on the campus brings to us some brief message, possibly of only a few words but worthy of lengthy meditation, on school days. Then on Sundays we usually have an especial treat in having some faculty member or guest to speak to us as well as special music oftentimes, a vocal solo, a trio, or quartette. Since the attendance at the noon-day prayer meeting is usually good, a great many of our students benefit from the communion together with our Master in these meetings and place it as one of the significant periods of the day and, indeed, of their col-

lege life! Soon we are to take our Lottie Moon Christmas offering in Y. W. A. We are praying that the little banks distributed among the girls to save their nickels and pennies in for this offering will be full to overflowing in order that we may have the largest possible part in the work in China, which Miss Moon with sacrifice began.

-Lourie Strickland, Reporter

appeared, then the chin quivered as tears flowed down the wrinkled, bearded face, and he said, simply, The boys of the Mississippi Col-"Thank God!" lege Ministerial Association re-

Were Christianity to fail in all its other purposes, would not the comfort brought to an old man in his last days justify every effort for its continuation.

Your brother in Christ. W. L. Sewell, Assistant Reporter.

BR-SCHOOL OF MISSIONS First Baptist Church Philadelphia, Miss.

-0-For one week Missionary J. H. Ware, Mrs. Ware and little Jimmie delighted and inspired our hearts with messages from China. This pastor is sure he has not been in better school of missions. Wares were good when home before but, my, how they grip the hearts and hold the interest of both old and young now. Seven or more churches in the county were reached. Attendance ran well over 200 in average each evening and gave tone and strength to our church life. Missionaries can best stir the hearts of our people for missions.

Last Sunday the attendance at Sunday school set a new high mark in the history of the church with good attendance at worship and B. T. U. hours.

We are now studying that little

booklet "Baptists Working Towards a World Program," having put one in each home. We are sending a semi-monthly letter to each home with the best of tracts, etc., included.

This writer looks for and longs for the day when this church may truly be one of the great evangelistic, enlistment and missionary forces of this State for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 37:5. Psalm 121. Psalm

Yours in service, D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Pastor

BR-MRS. R. T. STRICKLAND

Inasmuch as the death of Mrs. R. T. Strickland is a heartfelt loss to the Skene Baptist Church, and whereas, Mrs. Strickland was an outstanding member in regard to manner of life, of faithfulness, of ability and having served loyally as teacher of the Adult Ladies Bible Class, leader of the Intermediate B. T. U., superintendent of the Bolivar County W. M. U., mission study chairman in the local W. M. U., and otherwise ready and willing at all times to serve her Lord and His church.

Be it therefore resolved;

That we, the Skene Baptist Church, do hereby take this method of expressing our appreciation of this noble Christian mother and servant of the Lord by entering a copy of this resolution upon the minutes of our church as a permanent memorial to the life and labors of this saintly character and present her family a copy of said resolution and that we also send a copy to the Baptist Record that all her brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the state may know of her labor of love.

Carroll Hamilton, Moderator Lucille Simmons, Ch. Clerk.

Unanimously adopted by the Skene Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 20, 1935,

LISTEN IN

Dr. Lee R. Scarbrough will speak Sunday morning, November 24th, at 8:30 o'clock on "The Day Star Devotional," a religious broadcast that comes regularly at this same time over station W9XBY (1530 K.) Kansas City, under the direction of A. E. Wendt, a Baptist minister. Dr. Scarbrough is conducting a revival meeting in the Bales Ave.

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Because it acts quickly and is easy on the stomach. CAPUDINE relieves the pain—Headaches, Neuralgia, Mus-cular Aches, and Periodic Pains.

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Baptist Church of which the Rev. Alvin V. Hause is the pastor. The Wornall Road Baptist Church Choir will sing.

-A. E. Wendt, Program Director

BR-SUBSCRIBE TO THE RECORD.

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The proper treatment for a bilious child

THREE STEPS CONSTIPATION A cleansing dose today; a smaller

quantity tomorrow; less each time,

until bowels need no help at all.

ANY mother knows the reason when her child stops playing, eats little, is hard to manage. Constipution. But what a pity so few know the sensible way to set things right!

The ordinary laxatives, of even ordinary strength, must be carefully regulated as to dosage.

A liquid laxative is the answer, mothers. The answer to all your worries over constipation. A liquid can be measured. The dose can be exactly suited to any age or need Just reduce the dose each time, until the bowels are moving of their own accord and need no help.

This treatment will succeed with any child and with any adult.

The doctors use liquid laxatives. Hospitals use the liquid form. If it is best for their use, it is best for home use. The liquid laxative most families use is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Any druggist has it.

## WHEN QUIVERING WON'T LET YOU SLEEP

Doesn't the night seem an eternity? You toss and turn-try to



find a cool spot on the pillow-hear the clock strike downstairs. Today's ex: citement and tomorrow's worry are beat-

Mrs. Batchelder ing through your brain. You count sheep

frantically-but outraged nerves refuse to relax. Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound regularly for a

while. It quiets quivering nerves-induces restful sleep—makes life a little easier.

"It Seemed As If Morning Would Never Come"

32 Heard St., Chelsea, Massachusetts. "I was so nervous I could not get to sleep. My husband works hard at engineering and needs his sleep but I kept him awake too. I heard about the Vegetable Compound and tried it. Now I sleep bet-ter than I ever have and I feel fine." Liquid and Tablet Form

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GRIFFITH MEMORIAL

About one year ago, to be exact Oct. 5, 1934, eighty-three officers and teachers of the Griffith Memorial Baptist Church met for a workers' council. A splendid program had been planned and the entire evening was taken in discussing how our Sunday school could become a standard school. Among those eighty-three officers was Curtis Beard, superintendent of the Intermediate Department, who was elected general superintendent by the church for the 1935-36 session. The council adopted the standard as a worthy goal to reach, for as each individual left the meeting he was satisfied that a standard Sunday school was a better school because it reached, taught and won more folks than just an ordinary Bible school. At every workers' council during the year the standard requirements were stressed and checked, fine progress was made because every department cooperated. The Sunday School Board required that at least fifty per cent of all officers and teachers hold a normal course diploma or that during 1934 at least 50 per cent took the book, "Building A Standard Sunday School." Mr. E. C. Williams of the State Board was selected by the workers and came and taught us the book in January. As the year closed for the 1934-35 session most requirements had been met, but the church had not bought literature for all departments of the Sunday school since April 1931. It was necessary to curtail expenses and the Sunday school had to do without lesson helps for a year or so; therefore we could not be standard until all departments were using Baptist literature. As times got brighter we began to buy our literature and at the beginning of this Sunday school year the church bought and paid for all literature for every department from the Nursery Class through the Home Department. Our new superintendent got busy, checked on the requirements, found that according to the records that all had been met and with this information, sent in our application to the Sunday School Board at Nashville for the Standard of Excellence recognition. This has been received and Griffith Memorial adds the twenty-third star in Mississippi's standard Sunday schools. We will maintain this record because Curtis Beard is a general superintendent with a "Standard of Excellence De-

By Fred R. Langley,
General Superintendent of
Griffith Memorial S. S.,
For the past 11 years,

## BROOKS IN MEMPHIS

We have just had Dr. Fred L. Brooks of Chattanooga with us at Central Baptist Church of Memphis, in a two weeks Bible Conference. I have never seen a meeting of equal length help a church quite so much. He spoke each morning from ten thirty to eleven forty-five on the Book of Revelation, and from 12:15 to 1:00 on the Book of Daniel. People filled the auditorium at each of these services and would urge

him not to stop, even though, at times he would speak over an hour. At night he preached on some great, deep subject, that deeply stirred the hearts of our people.

I have heard many of the greatest Bible teachers of this and other countries, but I have never heard anyone who could handle the sacred Scriptures like this man. He is the soul of honor, as humble as a child, and comes nearer keeping himself in the background than any man I ever knew. If you want your people toned up spiritually, and the spiritual life of your church quickened, and your people stimulated to a deeper study of the Bible, I would urge you to secure this wonderful man of God for a meeting.

Charles E. Welch, Pastor Central Baptist Church.

## THE PROVE ME PLAN IS WORKING

The First Baptist Church of Lafayette, La., decided to "Try the Lord" for three months, with the "Prove Me Plan" of tithing, beginning Oct. 1st and ending Dec. 31st.

The first results were, that we had more interest in tithing, more people inquiring about how to tithe, more cards signed to tithe than at any time in the history of the church. There was and still is, a finer missionary spirit.

Some of the visible results are: The largest number in Sunday school in the history of the church. October, the first month of the plan, was in many ways the best month in our history. But, what about the financial side? Was that a success? It decidedly was. After we had paid all our obligations, that is met our monthly budget, which includes our missionary budget, and paid out about fifty donars, to other added expenses, we had \$85.00 over and above everything.

The question may be asked, what did you do with that money? Well, we promised the church that we would play fair with the Lord. Therefore, the Board of Deacons recommended to the church that we send to our state secretary \$25.00 more. That has been done. We mean to keep faith.

Our people are happy in this victory thus far. We believe that this will solve for once and all time, our financial troubles. We believe also that at the end of the three months, the majority of the tithers, will continue on, with new ones added. Our every member canvass will be little more than a form this year. We just wanted to add our testimonial to the blessings of the Lord. To Him be all the praise.

J. C. Wells, Pastor.

## A WEEK AT SHAW

I recently spent one of the truly happy weeks of my entire life at Shaw, Miss. It was a week of Bible teaching. The attendance was very fine. The interest was deep and intense. People of all denominations came in large numbers.

Dr. J. M. Cooke is getting a

good hold on the work. I wish the Mississippi brotherhood could come to know him. He is a modest and quite personality. I did not know until now he has his Ph.D. degree. In addition to being a good preacher and safe and cautious leader he is a good singer. He has had no little experience in evangelistic work

A. D. Muse,

757 Moon St.,

Memphis, Tenn.

P. S.—Am now in a month's meeting at Dayton, Tenn.

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## BLUE MOUNTAIN ALUMNI

Daughters of Blue Mountain College are rallying in all parts of the United States to the call of the National Student - Alumnae Association to form eighty-five Blue Mountain College Clubs by Nov. 16th to honor "Mother" Berry, V. President of the College, who will celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday on that date, according to advice from Mrs. May Gardner Black of Murfreesboro, Tenn.,, president of the association. Former students of the college plan to deluge "Mother" Berry with letters and telegrams on her birthday.

The movement was begun Sept. 1. To date sixty of the clubs have been formed, reaching from New York City to Los Angeles and from Kansas City to Tampa.

The local club, of which Miss Mable Hutchins of Blue Mountain is president, is planning a fitting celebration of "Mother" Berry's birthday on Nov. 16.

#### JESUS ALONE IN THE GARDEN

Alone in the Garden;
The world's sins to bear;
Alone in the Garden;
No one to care.

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Alone in the Garden; Alone in the dark; Alone in the Garden; With a broken heart.

Alone in the Garden;

The Father's will be done; Alone in the Garden; The battle was won.

—F. M. Riley Stockton, Cal.

## Do You Ever Wonder

Whether the "Pain"
Remedy You Use
is SAFE?

Ask Your Doctor and Find Out

Don't Entrust Your Own or Your Family's Well - Being to Unknown Preparations

THE person to ask whether the preparation you or your family are taking for the relief of headaches is SAFE to use regularly is your family doctor. Ask him particularly about Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN.

He will tell you that before the discovery of Bayer Aspirin most "pain" remedies were advised against by physicians as bad for the stomach and, often, for the heart. Which is food for thought if you seek quick, safe relief.

Scientists rate Bayer Aspirin among the fastest methods yet discovered for the relief of headaches and the pains of rheumatism, neuritis and neuralgia. And the experience of millions of users has proved it safe for the average person to use regularly. In your own interest remember this.

You can get Genuine Bayer Aspirin at any drug store — simply by asking for it by its full name, BAYER ASPIRIN. Make it a point to do this — and see that you get what you want.

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## ONEW RELEASES

Publications of the Baptist Sunday School Board

Trails by W. H. BUNCE \$1.00

Here are TRAILS that lead to breathless adventure, trails that no boy can resist who has ever puzzled out a rabbit track in the snow or heard the rustling of life in the bush beyond the evening camp fire. These are trails the auther himself has followed . . . trails that lead to the haunts of wild things large and small, creatures of fins, fur, and feathers that live by their strength and their cunning. Follow these trails into muskeg and swamp, windfall and rapid, deer-yard and beaver colony; follow them for the pure fun of it. Follow them, and the creatures that swim and crawl and run and fly will mean something to you they've never meant before.

## My Conception of the Gospel Ministry

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH \$1.0

The title of this volume has little or no significance apart from its author. The reading public is not interested in just anybody's conception of the ministry; but when a man, who has devoted an exceptionally fruitful life to the ministry and to the training of preachers, gives us his mature and deliberate conception of the ministry, intelligent readers at once give heed. In this volume, Doctor Scarborough exalts the gospel ministry and holds high the ideals of the gospel preacher. With the informality of the compassionate teacher, the author warns, challenges, inspires. The sensible young preacher will profit greatly by the wisdom of this friend of preachers; the older preacher will relight his torch by the coals blown into a flame by this dynamic testimony.

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#### ARMISTICE A Reminiscence by Plautus I. Lipsey, Jr.

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Early on the morning of November 11, 1918, I crawled stiffly out of a shallow hole on a bare hillside and looked around. I had been sleeping between Lieut. James K. Brothers of Monroe, La., and Private Gerty, an Oklahoma Indian boy, we three lying close together like tablespoons. I had used my senior rank to get the inside position and I had slept best, because I was warmest. All of us, however, had slept so soundly that we had known nothing of the German artillery bombardment which during the night had thrown fresh earth upon the thin roof of our hole.

Stretching my limbs and back, I looked ahead to the patch of woods where our outpost lines and the Germans lay in watch for each other, and to the smoke from a rolling kitchen partly hidden in a rock quarry 300 yards away. Occasionally a cannon boomed in the near distance, or muttered far away.

Down to the kitchen I hurried, to beg some food. I got that, and more, from the signal corps detachment in the quarry, for one of the group announced-

"Armistice at 'leven o'clock!"

When I laughed at him in disbelief, he got mad and almost hit me. He had heard the news over his field telephone, he said.

Gnawing on a nubbin of bread, I went back and began to check up on our men, half of whom were missing after a night and day of marching. We talked about the reports of armistice, and at last decided to believe them. Ten minutes before eleven o'clock, Lieut. Ed Dunnigan of Muskogee, Okla., and I picked up rifles somewhere and lit out for a tour of the picket lines.

At one minute before eleven, we raised our rifles to the angle of 45 degrees and fired a farewell shot toward the German side. At eleven, the dull roar of artillery faded out, and we looked at each other with anxious eyes. A moment later, a battery nearby cut loose with a salvo-and we nearly fainted. For several minutes, there were occasional discharges, but these became rarer and we decided that perhaps the war was really ended.

A moment later, we found our comrades of another company standing sheepishly in the woods in front of their crude ditches. Then we found their captain, and he showed us a dirty slip of paper with a penciled order from regimental headquarters to "cease firing" at eleven

Feeling safe now, we ventured out into no-mans-land, a wilderness of broken forest trees, underbrush and barbed wire, and came upon another group of American soldiers. They were gathered about some corpses of German soldiers, picking their pockets. I was too finicky to do this, but accepted as souvenir a 5-mark note taken off one of the dead men.

Pushing further ahead, Dunnigan and I entered a roughly covered, man-made burrow where we picked up a pair of high shoes marked

"Herr Hauptmann"—the captain's -some hard dry bread tablets and two small German canteens half full of beer. In other holes we took as souvenirs some flat, disc-like candles, marked "Hindenburg Lampen," and some soldier writing paper labelled, I think) "Kurjbriefe Feldpost" for Fritz to use in writing home.

We entered a concrete dugout, pill-box like a double-size piano box all buried except the upper six inches, and in the darkness I knocked over something which fell with a loud crash. Dragging it to the door I found it was a box of handgrenades-"potato mashers" - like ordinary tin cans with wooden handles.

Returning to our own side, we found one of our comrades popularly known as "Barleycorn," parading around followed by a grinning prisoner, a small bearded Bavarian who cught to have been at home telling his children bedtime stories. This little man had come over to get something to eat, and he got it. I think he was permitted to slip back to his own side that night-I hope so. Allied prisoners, gaunt and rapped, came troopping across the hill, released by the Germans: Rumanians, Greeks, Serbians and Russians, they were a long way from home.

That night, in another hold in the ground, wearing the German captain's shoes, by the light of the Hindenburg candle, I wrote a letter home on the German soldier paper: "If it is really true that the war is over, this date must be the most glorious one the world has seen in 1900 years."-Stetson Reporter.

#### CONCLUDING THE CONVENTION

Rev. "Scotchie" McCall spoke briefly about the work of Dr. Crittendon, saying that he had been looking for something to use to inform his people about our denomination's work. His church has 250 copies of the Mission Manuel, each family in the Philadelphia church being provided with a copy, the adults studying it Wednesday nights, and the Juniors and Primaries studying it at other times.

Rev. W. L. Compere of Ellisville offered a resolution that during 1936 the emphasis be on the Cooperative Program and that under the direction of Dr. Crittendon a vigorous campaign be conducted at a time set by the Convention Board to induce each church in the state to put on an every member canvass and support the Cooperative Program in a program of scriptural giving with the tithe as the minimum. The resolution also instructed the Convention Board to avoid a special campaign for funds during 1936 if possible.

Dr. J. D. Franks of Columbus spoke briefly urging that during 1936 we major more on the Cooperative Program and less on debts.

The superintendent of the Children's Home was authorized to solicit PRIVATELY donations to the Children's Home because of the present emergency debt situation.

Rev. Bryan Simmons offered a resolution that Clarke College property be sold to any Baptist group desiring to purchase same for a sum not less than the present outstanding indebtedness against the property, estimated at \$6,000 and interest. Dr. F. M. Purser of Oxford wished to amend by agreeing to sell to anyone. However the amendment was lost after discussion by brethren Simmons, Stone, Baskin, Webb, Boyd, Holland, Carter, Purser, Bass, Crittendon and McLaurin and Mrs. W. D. Cook. Brother Boyd of Vicksburg moved to lease the property as at present to those now operating Clarke College for one year. This was changed to ten years and passed as a substitute for the motion to sell. Hence, Clarke College is now ours, but leased to interested Baptists around Newton to be run as a Baptist school without cost to the denomination.

Resolutions of thanks were passed for the fine entertainment given by Meridian, Meridian Baptists and the gracious work of the pastors.

Rev. E. I. Farr of Bassfield offered a resolution that the salaries of all state workers and office workers at Jackson be published in the minutes.

Resolutions commending the stand of the United States Government to preserve peace were offered by brother Owen Cooper of Oxford, and adopted.

#### AS IT IS IN TIPPAH --0---

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Since Tippah County continues to be among those that have outlawed the sale of beer and wine, I judge it only fair that the reading public know the true state of affairs in our county. The majority that voted against the sale of beer and wine was overwhelming-more than three to one. Immediately after the election, however, the dealers, represented by one of the ablest lawyers in this section of the state - a man long held in high esteem by his home people and many times honored by them, a Sunday school teacher and church official-filed a a petition with the Circuit Judge setting forth technical flaws which they asserted appeared in the petitions which had been presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Judge granted the petition and called the Board into court at the regular term. During the three months that intervened beer dealers were allowed to carry on their traffic as usual.

The Board of Supervisors was



represented by its regularly employed counsel, Fred B. Smith, and Orbrey Street, senior member of the local bar, who freely gave hisservices. These attorneys convinced the Judge that he had no right to grant the petition under the process employed and he so ruled. (Yet these seven dealers had been sellmg their stuff all these months centrary to the ruling of the people of Tippah County.) As was to be expected an appeal was made to the Supreme Court. We have been told that this court will not act on this case before January. And beer still flows in Tippah.

A few days ago a young man died as a result of a drunken brawl that took place in a Tippah County beer shop. Two others are awaiting trial for their part in the affair. Upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility for this tragedy which in all probability would never have happened had the beer shops closed last April?

I have read with much interest some of the published letters of preachers in response to the request of the President. Without the open support of our preachers and leading laymen, prohibition forces find themselves seriously handicapped. Hiding behind the misapplied statements of our Lord: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" and "Judge not that ye be not judged," some of our churches have fallen into a woeful state and the name of our Lord is being dishonored even in His own institution. My conclusion is that our churches are going to have to come clean before we can hope for fruitful legislation.

The rights of the people of Tippah County have been trampled in the dust. Pray that a better day

> Yours sincerely, Mrs. Orbrey Street. Christian Citizenship Chm., Ripley W. C. T. U. -----BR-

Hyman: "At least once in my life I was glad to be down and out." Lowe: "And when was that?" Hyman: "After my first trip in an airplane."-Ex.



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